

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Unenviable Task

MR Eden's role at the Geneva conference has been described as that of a conciliator—a task that is as difficult as it has become necessary. The amount of common ground which the delegates on both sides have reached concerning Indo-China is so far pitifully small. About the only point on which there has been anything approximating agreement (and that merely in principle) is that there should be a general ceasefire. Possibly one of the reasons why more tangible progress has not been made is that the Communist, the French and the Associated States delegates have all concentrated on package proposals, endeavouring, at one fell swoop, to resolve the whole of the Indo-China problem—military and political. Allied with the idea of a simple ceasefire have been proposals for partition, independence, coalition governments, independent regional administrations, affiliation with the French Union, and recognition of the so-called democratic republics of Cambodia and Laos, so that today it is almost impossible for the ordinary person to understand the complicated proposals and counter-proposals. Mr Eden brought to the conference some very welcome common sense with his five questions. They were stripped of all rhetoric and dealt with fundamentals. And because of this, they are probably unwelcome to the Communist delegates who are much happier clouding issues than getting down to dealing with basic matters in a businesslike way. What the world now wants to see is whether the Reds are prepared to give Mr Eden's powers serious consideration; whether they are willing to give objective replies to them; whether, in fact, they have any intention of indulging in genuine negotiations over Indo-China. The ball has been passed back to them: will they make use of it or deliberately kick it out of play?

It has also been left to Mr Eden to put forward the first really cogent principles for reaching a Korean settlement. If disinterestedness were the guiding influence at Geneva the whole of the delegates would find it imperative to accept Mr Eden's principles. Manifestly they provide the only framework within which a durable settlement can be reached. In telescoped form Mr Eden's conditions are the holding of completely free and secret elections in both South and North Korea for the formation of an all-Korean Government; the elections to be internationally supervised and provision to be made for the eventual withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea. Nothing, on the face of things, could be more simple than that, and any serious or justified objections to the plan are unthinkable. That the Communists will object is inevitable, but not because they really consider the proposals unfair, but because they fear them to be put into effect. This has been the predominant influence in the Russian rejection of the various Big Three proposals for settling the German and Austrian problems. They dare not contemplate the elimination of Communist power through free and secret popular elections. And it is precisely this prospect which they face if such elections take place in Korea. Indo-China or Germany. None will envy Mr Eden his unique position and heavy task at Geneva, and none will point an accusing finger at him if his efforts fail to strike an encouraging response from the Communist delegates.

New Indo-China Fighting

Laniel Scrapes Through

Wins Confidence
Vote By Two

Paris, May 14.
M. Joseph Laniel, French Prime Minister, gained a vote of confidence on his handling of the Indo-China crisis by only two votes in the French Assembly last night.

His ten-month-old Government survived by 289 votes to 287 in one of the closest votes in French Parliamentary history. Its fate was in the balance for more than 30 minutes as counting of the National Assembly ballot dragged on, with many Deputies exercising the privilege of changing their minds after their original vote.

So close was the decision that rumours of the Government's defeat on this crucial issue of the conduct of the anti-Communist war in Indo-China buzzed feverishly around the Parliamentary lobby.

The Government came out on an earlier storm on the eve of the fall of Dien Bien Phu last week, throwing down a no-confidence vote on the same issue by a margin of 51.

M. Laniel has maintained that defeat for the Government while the Geneva conference continues would be a major setback for French policy in international affairs.

He insisted that any debate on the Government's handling of the Indo-China war be postponed until the Geneva conference has either produced a positive result or failed.

POlicies AT STAKE
Speeches before the vote showed that while of the harassed Government's political and military policies were at stake.

The Gaullist Parliamentary group met immediately after the result of the vote was announced.

Earlier, the five Gaullist Ministers had threatened to resign if a majority of the Gaullists voted against M. Laniel.

A large majority of Gaullists—49—voted against the Government, only 27 supported it.

The group was now expected to bring pressure to bear on its Ministers to withdraw from the Cabinet.

One of these Ministers, M. Marc Jaquet, Secretary of State for Indo-China, is vitally concerned with French policy in the Far Eastern territory. Other Ministers hold the posts, reconstruction, budget and Minister of State portfolios.—Reuter.

Fire Threatens Entire City

Wellington, May 13.
Palmerston North, a city 100 miles north of Wellington, was threatened with a major disaster this afternoon, when giant jets of flame burst from ruptures in the city's main gasometer.

Firemen fought the flames for three hours, faced constantly with the danger of a gigantic explosion if the plates of the gasometer buckled. The outbreak began when a spark from an electric drill, being used on repairs to the side plates, ignited the gas.—Reuter.

Swing To The Left In British Municipal Elections

London, May 13.
Britain swung to the Left in elections today for nearly 400 English and Welsh city governments, pointing to a marked decline in popularity of Sir Winston Churchill's national administration.

With 305 results declared out of a total of 395, the Socialists had a net gain of 243 individual seats of the 3,548 at stake. They had taken over 11 Councils formerly ruled by Conservatives or other anti-Socialists but lost their majorities in three others.

Today's polling in the largest municipalities was the climax of Britain's annual municipal elections for local Councils of all kinds throughout the country.

The outcome will provide the political parties with a clue to

Flares Up BOTH SIDES SUFFER HEAVY CASUALTIES

Rebel Offensive Predicted

Hanoi, May 13.

Several thousand Vietminh regular troops fought a bitter battle with French Union battalions one mile south of Phuly, in the western delta, early this morning, the French High Command announced today.

Vietminh casualties were stated to be heavy and French casualties serious.

The Vietminh attack was their biggest onslaught in the delta this year.

Officers here consider it might be the beginning of a new Communist offensive in the delta, as many thousands of regular Vietminh troops are stationed in hills around Phuly, a provincial town only 36 miles from Hanoi.

They struck the French unit on the outskirts of Phuly from two sides simultaneously. Meanwhile, another Vietminh battalion thrust 500 infantrymen between the French and their headquarters in Phuly.

Vietminh commanders early in the morning launched several battalions in a "nutcracker assault" against a single French Union battalion, the High Command said.

After furious fighting, French reinforcements blasted a way through to the trapped battalion, the French spokesmen said.

They were just in time to rescue a group of prisoners being marched away, including the Major commanding the battalion whose hands were tied behind his back with string.

After two and a half hours' fighting, the tide of battle turned and the Vietminh troops fled into the hills beyond the water-logged delta, leaving 70 of their men dead on the battlefield.

Bombers and fighters pursued them back to their mountain bases, which were bombed and strafed throughout the forenoon.—Reuter.

AMBUSH SET

Hanoi, May 13.
Strong Vietminh elements set a second ambush on the Hanoi-Phuly road, 20 miles south-east of Hanoi yesterday, and violent fighting took place, it was disclosed here today.

Sherman tanks equipped with 90-mm guns, which came to the rescue, saved the Franco-Vietnamese forces after two hours' fighting.

A French command spokesman said that the Vietminh suffered very heavy losses, but Franco-Vietnamese losses were also substantial.

For the past two weeks, the French high command has stepped up its local mopping up operations, but with means which have been insufficient to stop the general Vietminh thrust against the western part of the delta, and against the Hanoi-Hoiphong railway and highway.

Observers here suggested that this generalised Vietminh action might be a possible offensive with Hanoi as the main target.

However, in spite of the Vietminh efforts, the railway and road remained open most of the day.—France-Press.

TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Hanoi, May 13.
The pitched battle, which began last night round the important centre of Phuly on the mouth of the Red River delta was regarded as serious, since the Vietminh hurled several battalions into the fighting, and succeeded in capturing a French commander and his men.

The Vietminh lost 60 killed, and the Franco-Vietnamese losses were also described as "serious".

According to a French command spokesman, this may be the beginning of greater activity in the delta. Another serious aspect of the situation is that it shows that the Vietminh can attack in the delta area with fully trained regular forces, "full of bite".—France-Press.

EVACUATION TO BEGIN

Paris, May 14.
Evacuation of the wounded from the lost French fortress of Dien Bien Phu will start this morning, according to late night press reports received here from Hanoi.

Morane helicopters and Beaver planes will start evacuating the first group of 450 wounded, including 250 serious cases, the French news agency said in quoting a French High Command announcement. The Dien Bien Phu airstrip is still not able to take Dakotas.

The French Forces Radio broadcast to the Vietminh last night agreeing to a Vietminh proposal for the evacuation of wounded from the northern Indo-China fortress of Dien Bien Phu.—Reuter.

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Safe Arrival In Finland



About 50 British and Finnish officials greeted the Australian Embassy staff, ordered out of Russia, when they arrived at Helsinki. The party of 10 Australians, including two children, were ordered out of Russia after the breaking off of relations with Australia over the desertion of Mr Vladimir Petrov, third Secretary in the Soviet Embassy in Canberra. The Australians, led by the former Charge d'Affaires, Mr Brian Hill, seen here as he carries his 18-month-old son, Edwin, from the train on arrival at Helsinki.—London Express.

Eden Working Hard But Worried About Geneva Conference

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Geneva, May 13.

Mr Tom O'Brien, last year's President of the Trades Union Council, made a dramatic appeal for British and Empire unity on Far East policy here tonight.

After lunching with Mr Eden at the Foreign Secretary's villa, Mr O'Brien said: "If this conference fails, the failure cannot be laid at the door of the British Foreign Secretary."

"Everyone here, diplomats—if they spoke the truth—and certainly the journalists who know it, would agree that without his presence the conference would have been washed up already."

"I want to let the British people, Socialists and Conservatives alike, know that Mr Eden is genuinely worried about the conference. He is working hard to make a go of it."

"The Korea and Indo-China discussions mean two international conferences are going on at the same time."

"I would appeal to the British people, and the people of the Commonwealth, to give Mr Eden 100 per cent backing in the delicate negotiations he is conducting with all sides in the cause of world peace."

Mr O'Brien is Socialist MP for West Nottingham.

WONT BUDGE

Geneva, May 14.
M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, will tell the Communists at today's resumed Indo-China peace talks that France will not budge from its refusal to negotiate over Laos and Cambodia, French sources said here last night.

They said he will make this clear in his reply to the Vietminh peace plan for Indo-China.

Western tactics for today's fourth session of the nine-nation Indo-China talks were agreed last night at a 45-minute meeting of the "Big Three" Ministers—Mr Anthony Eden of Britain, M. Bidault of France and General Walter Bedell Smith of the United States.

The French sources said Mr Eden would probably see Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, with whom he shares the chairmanship of the Indo-China talks, before today's session to discuss the work of the conference.

M. Bidault is also expected to stand fast today on his demand for international supervision of an armistice in Indo-China.—Reuter.

Completion Of H-Bomb Tests

Washington, May 14.
The Defence Department and the Atomic Energy Commission yesterday announced the "successful" completion of the 1954 hydrogen explosion tests in the Pacific.

The announcement came in a joint statement from Mr Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Commission, and the Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles E. Wilson.

The statement said: "The 1954 series of thermonuclear tests at the Atomic Energy Commission's Pacific proving ground has been completed."

"The tests were successful in the development of thermonuclear weapons. They were essential to our national interest and have contributed materially to the security of the United States and the free world."

"The tests being concluded within a few days and all traffic may be safely resumed within the 'warning area', which was set up for safety purposes for the time when the tests were taking place."

Official notices to airmen and mariners will be published.—Reuter.

Court-Martial Of Soldier Who Went AWOL Into Red China

Speaking in his defence, Craftsman M. A. Tobin, REME, said at the Court Martial at Headquarters, 27 Infantry Brigade, Fanning, today, where he is being tried for desertion, that he had been upset by news of his mother's death, and while hiking in the country he thought of his mother and had a feeling of wanting to lose himself.

He kept walking toward a mountain across the border, and when he arrived there he was surrounded by farmers and peasants who took him to a military post.

The Court comprises Major J. D. H. Boyd, RA (President), Captain W. R. Hughes, King's Regiment, and Lt K. J. David, MC, Welch Regiment.

The Prosecuting Officer is Captain H. Scott of the Royal Signals, while the Defence is being conducted by Lt T. R. Willis, RA.

The charge against Tobin was that he had been absent from duty from August 10 last year until April 17 this year.

Lance-Corporal Hoskins, of the Wiltshire Regiment, testifying for the Prosecution, said that he called the roll at 6 a.m. on August 10 and had found the defendant was absent. Witness added that the defendant's bed had not been slept in.

Another witness for the Prosecution, Sgt. W. Williams, of the Royal Military Police, told the Court that on April 17 at 2.30 p.m. he went to a Police post and accompanied by a Police officer he went to the Lowu Railway Station.

About 200 yards from the bridge, continued witness, he saw the defendant standing between three Chinese Communist soldiers.

The defendant, said witness, recognised him and talked to him, after which he was allowed to cross the border—and was immediately taken into custody.

MADE NO PROTEST

Cross-examined, Sgt Williams said that when the defendant appeared with the three Chinese soldiers he did not make any protest when he was sent across the border, and at no time did he express any wish of refusing to come across the border.

Witness added that Tobin seemed quite pleased at returning.

After the Prosecution had completed its case, the Defence submitted that there was no case to answer because the Prosecution had failed to prove that there was intent on behalf of the defendant of not returning to the Service, and that the defendant was absent to avoid an important service.

An Admiralty spokesman said last night that the yacht's progress had been speeded up "to ensure the maximum amount of rest for all in the Royal yacht in view of the forthcoming 48 hours' ceremonies."—Reuter.

THE QUEEN IS HOME

London, May 14.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are back home at the end of their six-month Commonwealth tour.

The Royal yacht Britannia dropped anchor just before midnight last night in the Bay of St Austell, on a secluded stretch of the coast of Cornwall, southwest England, as her escort of four warships circled round her.

Coast guards and people watching from the cliffs sighted the twinkling lights of the yacht just before 11 p.m. and immediately scores of small boats set out to welcome home the returning Queen and the Duke.

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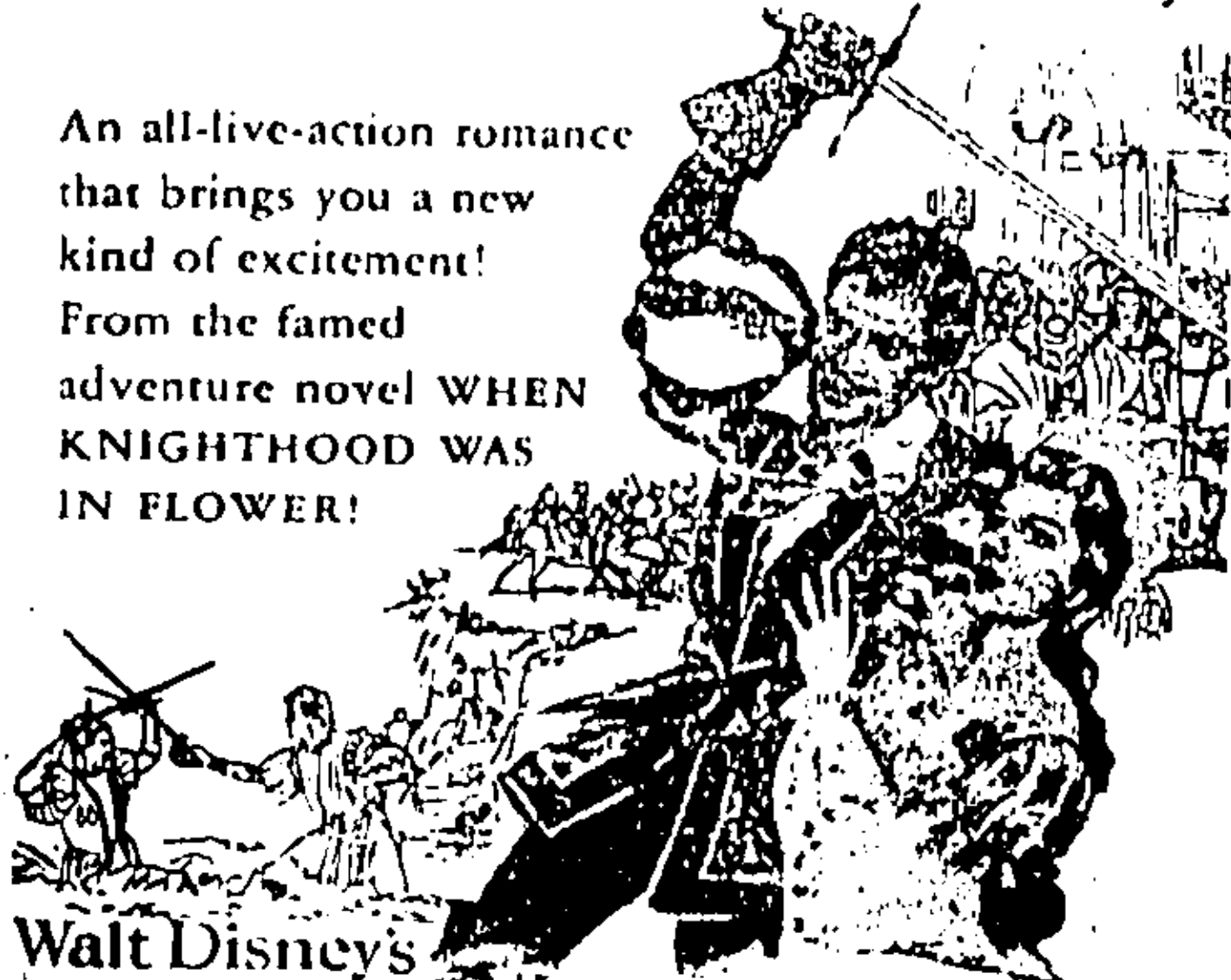
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Minister's Plea To Delegates To Disarmament Talks

London, May 13.

The world's five major atomic powers, including Russia, met tonight to discuss disarmament, including the control of the atomic bomb.

The British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, greeted delegates from America, Russia, France and Canada with this plea:

"Unless we can devise a system of mutual, agreed, supervised, comprehensive disarmament, there is no hope for lasting peace."

The representatives of the five nations are meeting as a committee of the United Nations Disarmament Commission. They have to make their report to the Commission by July 14.

The disarmament talks opened with a first meeting in New York last month.

They were transferred to London because the United Nations organisers believed it was a better place for talks away from the glare of too much publicity.

NEW EFFORT
The importance of the conference is that it is a new, all-out effort not only to work out control of atomic weapons, but to seek a reduction in conventional arms.

Mr. Jakob Malik, the Soviet Ambassador to London, represented Russia. The other chief delegates were: Britain: Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State; United States: Mr. Patterson, a leading industrialist chosen by President Eisenhower; France: M. Jules Moch, former Defence Minister; Canada: Mr. Lester Pearson, Minister for External Affairs.

The conference has been given until July 15 to report back to the United Nations Commission.—Reuter.

British Exports Higher

London, May 13.
British exports last month rose above the January-March average despite three fewer working days than in March, the Board of Trade announced here.

Exports in April were worth £225,000,000, but re-exports dropped by almost a third to £8,000,000.

Imports rose last month. They reached a total of £264,000,000—over £10,000,000 more than the average for the year's first quarter.



Total Of 3,405 Men Still Not Released Official Says

Munsan, May 13.

The United Nations Command today asked the Communists "for an accounting" of 3,405 United Nations personnel who were in Communist hands when the armistice was signed.

The United Nations asked the Communist for the present whereabouts of the prisoners of war and that "all those still alive" be returned to the United Nations.

The request was made by Rear Admiral A. E. Jarrel, Senior Allied delegate, at a Military Armistice Commission meeting at Panmunjom today.

It was made after the Communists had asked the United Nations Command for the accounting of 98,742 North Koreans and Chinese prisoners of war alleged to be still in United Nations custody.

Admiral Jarrel told the Communists that all North Koreans and Chinese prisoners of war held by the United Nations Command had been accounted for. He reiterated that no prisoners of war remained in the custody of the United Nations Command.

In reply to the United Nations request, the Chief Communist delegate, Lieutenant General Lee Sang Cho, said that all United Nations prisoners of war who wished to be repatriated had been returned to the United Nations Command.

CHARGES REJECTED

During the meeting, General Lee referred to a report by the Polish and Czech members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission of April 30 in which they charged the United Nations Command with violation of the armistice agreement. The report said the United Nations Command had brought reinforcements into South Korea and had restricted the work of the United Nations Supervisory Commission team in South Korea.

The report was not endorsed by the Swiss and Swedish members of the Commission. Admiral Jarrel rejected the charges. He quoted from a letter written by the Swiss and Swedish delegates which said the Polish and Czech report was "literally ridiculous" and "malicious propaganda."—Reuter.

FURTHER EFFORTS

Washington, May 13.
The United States will use "every method we possibly can" to obtain the repatriation of American troops captured in the Korean war and believed to be held in the Soviet Union, a State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman was commenting on the Soviet rejection yesterday of an American request

Drinks Still Dear For Russians

London, May 13.

Drinks will remain dear in Russia because they cannot be regarded as "goods of prime necessity" the Soviet Trade Minister, Mr. Anastas Mikoyin, has told his countrymen, Moscow Radio said today.

Speaking in the budget debate in the Council of Nationalities yesterday, he said the Government's first concern has been to lower prices of essential goods.

Amid laughter and applause, he said the time would come "when we are richer"—for the price of drinks to come under revision.

Beer and wine would still be 50% more expensive than they were before the war and spirits more than double, he added, according to Moscow Radio.—China Mail Special.

White Slavery Charge

Manila, May 14.

A Chinese wanted by the immigration authorities for the past six months and by the police for white slavery was arrested yesterday by an alert immigration officer who recognized him in a public place.

Arrested and now detained, Keng Song, is one of ten members of an alleged white slave syndicate exposed last year by a Chinese girl who claimed that she was one of his victims.

Deportation proceedings have been instituted against him.—France-Press.

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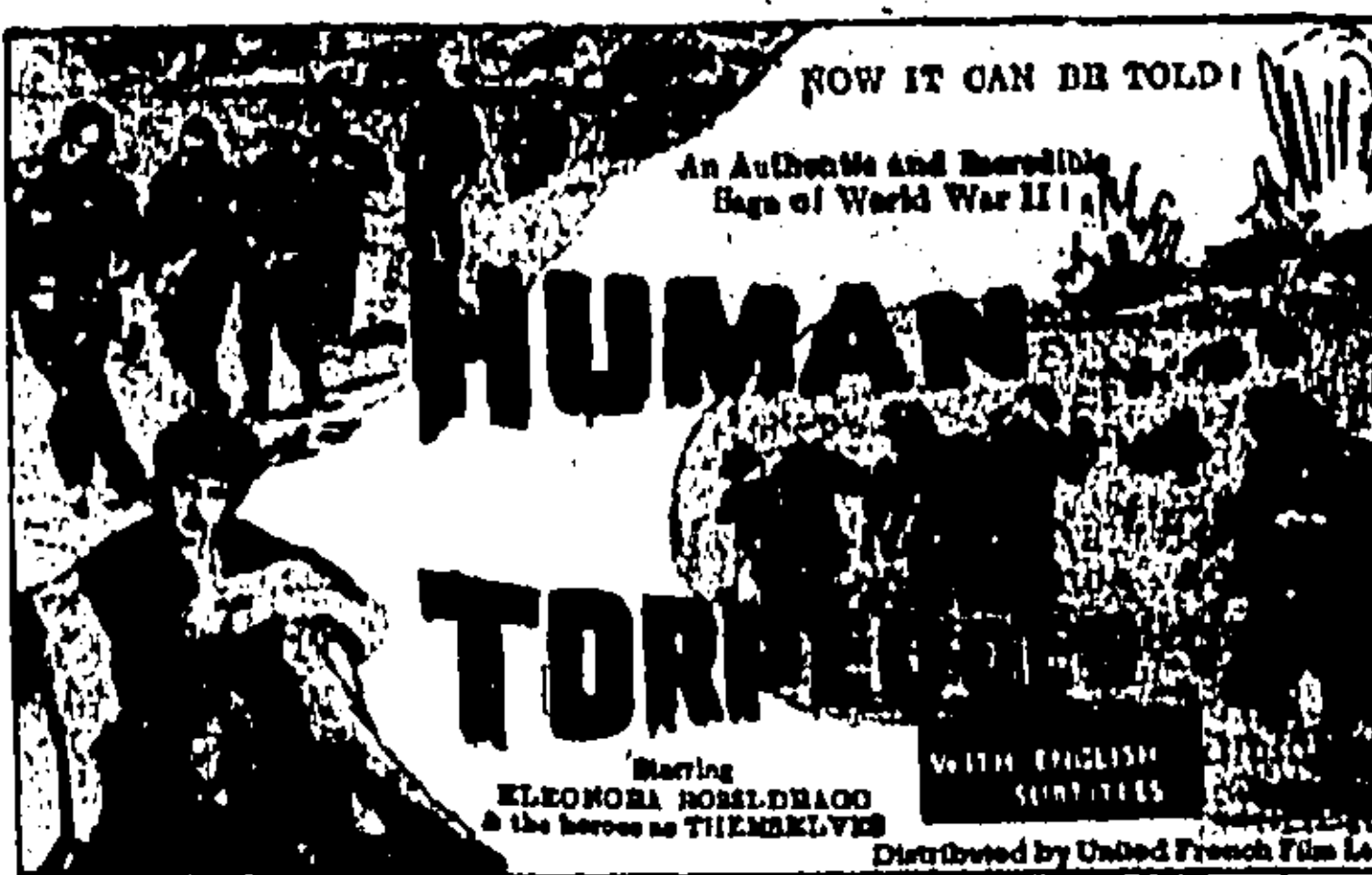
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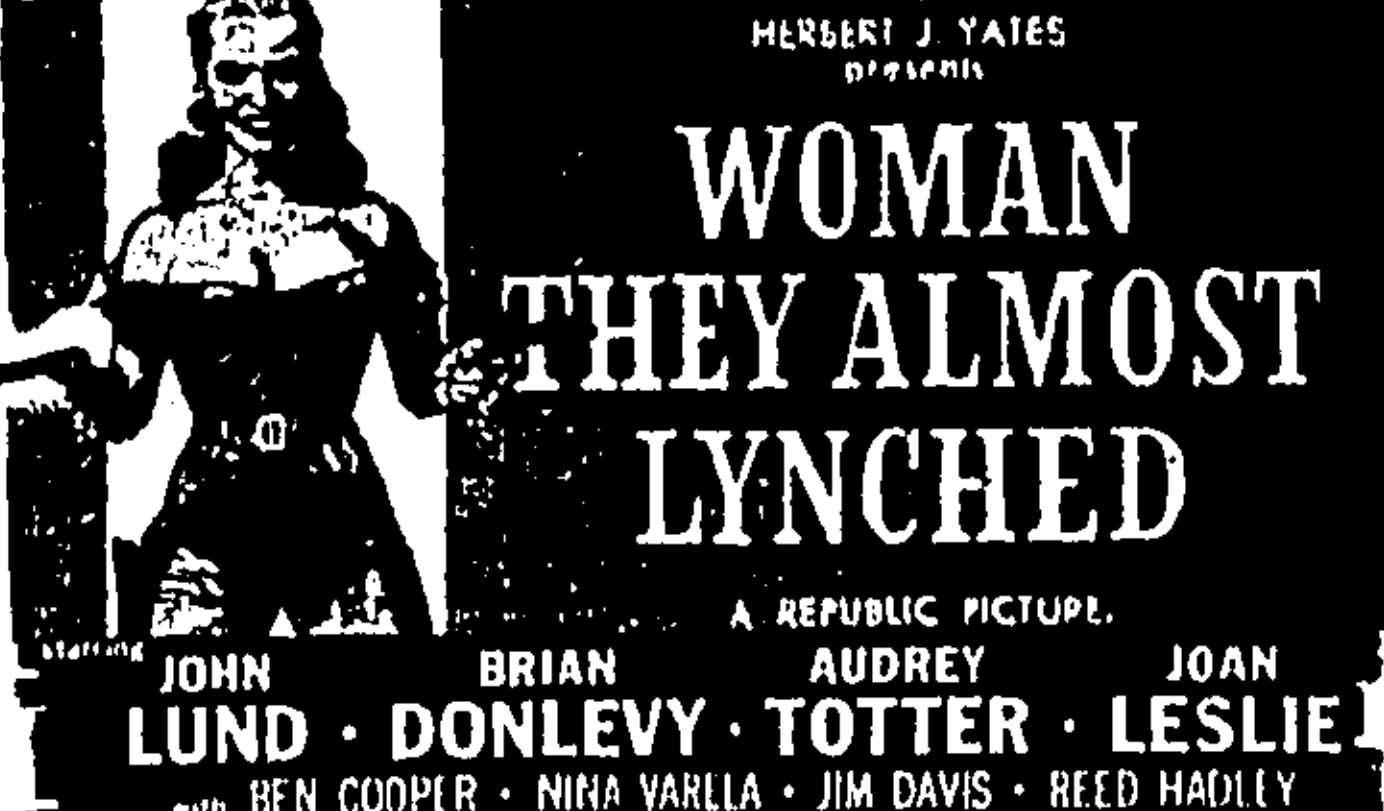
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"Imperialists Are Trying To Frighten People"

Moscow, May 13.

The Soviet Army newspaper Red Star said today there were "not sufficient grounds" for fears that a radioactive cobalt bomb could wipe out large areas of the earth.

In an article on nuclear weapons, the official newspaper said that talk of a cobalt bomb was an attempt by "imperialists" to frighten the people with a "new weapon."

The article, signed by a Lieutenant-Colonel of Engineers, cited scientific reasons against recent reports that a cobalt super-bomb could destroy wide sections of the earth.

Red Star said that "imperialists" claim that the explosion of a cobalt bomb could render entire areas inaccessible to human beings and prolong the time (of this condition) by infecting the areas with radioactive cobalt dust.

"There are not, however, sufficient grounds for such claims. It is well-known that cobalt, having a long period of semi-decay, has comparatively low radiation qualities. Wide dispersion of cobalt dust must also be considered."

"Under these conditions it is difficult to expect very intense radiation," the article said. It continued: "Aggressive forces of imperialist states, desirous of starting a new war with the use of weapons of mass destruction, are trying to take advantage of the ability of neutrals to produce directed radioactivity for intensifying the destructive effect of atomic and hydrogen weapons."

"A LOT OF NOISE"
"With this aim, foreign reactionary circles have made a lot of noise about the so-called cobalt bomb. The process taking place in the cobalt bomb is described in the following way: 'As the result of a thermonuclear (H-bomb) reaction a great number of free neutrons are formed. The cobalt in the bomb made of cobalt absorbs these neutrons.'"

"As a result, a radioactive cobalt isotope is formed which disintegrates, emitting beta and gamma rays with a period of semi-decay of 5.3 years," the article said. The article, one of a series in Red Star dealing with nuclear developments, was signed by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Sedov.

DEFENCE BARRIERS
It discussed the general effects of radiation from atomic and hydrogen bombs and defenses against these weapons.

"If the intensity of radiation is very high and higher than the permissible level (for survival), then defence barriers of one material or another are used to lower it. Assuming that at a given distance from the centre of an

atomic explosion the intensity of gamma radiation is 10 times that which is permissible for human beings, the defence barrier should therefore ensure a ten-fold weakening (of the radiation). Such a weakening may be obtained by a lead plate five centimetres thick."—United Press.

Kenya Police Need More Arms

Nairobi, May 13.

The Police Commissioner in Kenya, Colonel Arthur Young, said today he would visit the Colonial Office in London to press for more police supplies in Kenya, particularly better and lighter weapons and transport.

Colonel Young, who was appointed to Kenya for a year last March from his post as Commissioner of the City of London Police, is flying to London tomorrow (Friday) for ten days to take part in ceremonies welcoming home Queen Elizabeth from her Commonwealth tour.

Colonel Young said that Africans "seem to want to jump on the bandwagon" as the Mau Mau situation in Nairobi improved. He said reporters that about ten per cent of her Kikuyu, Embu and Meru tribesmen arrested in the recent roundup of Mau Mau suspects in Nairobi were estimated to be strong adherents of the organisation.

Answering a question about recent Mau Mau attacks south-east of Nairobi, in the territory of the Wajir district, he said: "The Mau Mau are largely free from Mau Mau. Colonel Young said: 'All is not well there. It is being watched very carefully.'—Reuter.

MPs May Get Tax-Free Allowance

London, May 13.

British members of Parliament are likely to get a tax-free allowance of up to £500 a year under a Government scheme put forward in the House of Commons tonight.

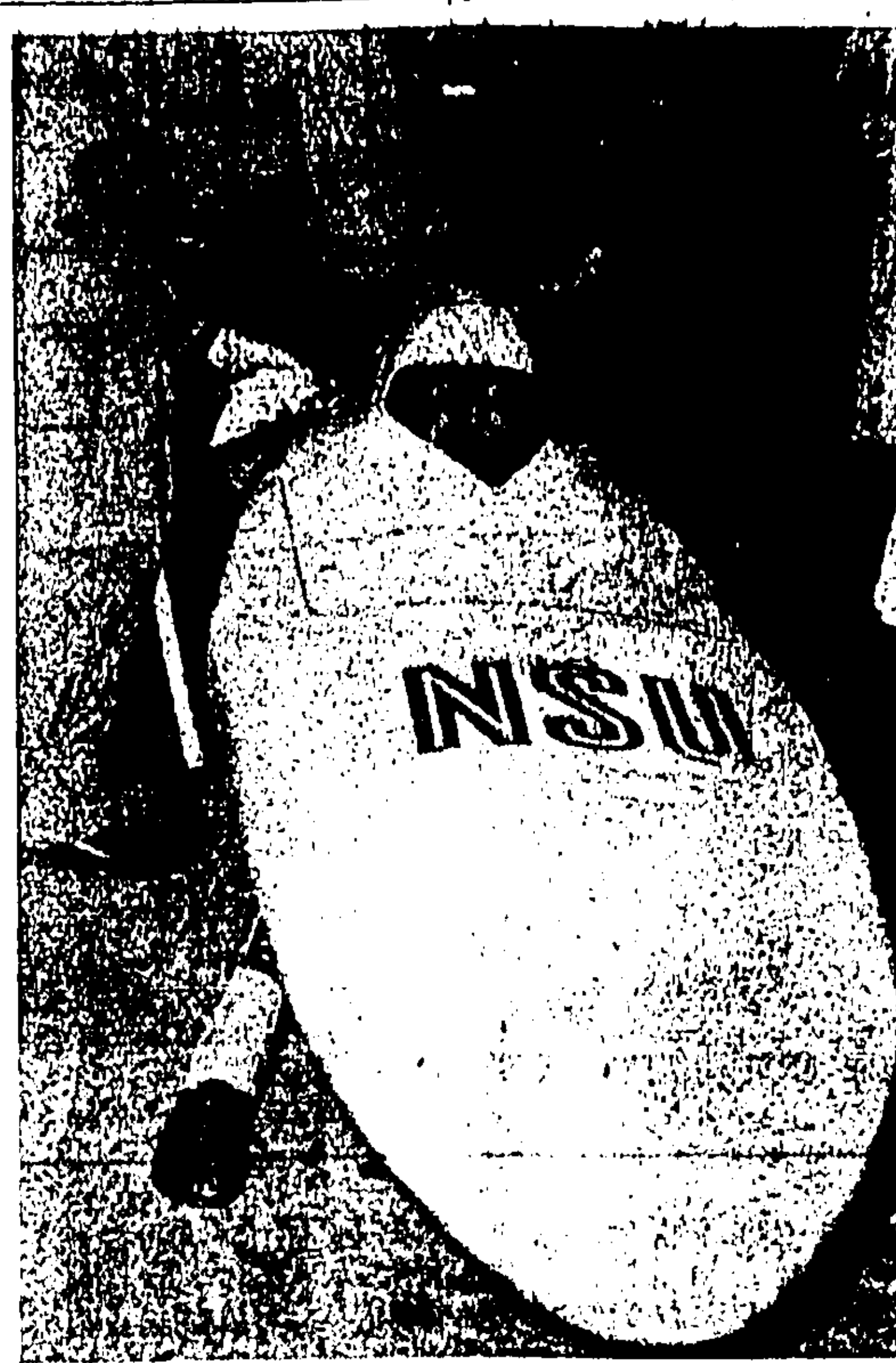
The Government rejected a recommendation of an all-party Parliamentary Committee that members should have an increase in salary—from £1,000 to £1,500 a year.

But it suggested two alternatives: (1) A tax-free allowance of between £200 and £500 a year from which members could draw to reimburse themselves for expenses actually incurred.

(2) A subsistence allowance for members whose homes are outside London.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, said the Government would have to take a final decision in the light of views expressed by members themselves and of public opinion, which was sensitive on this issue.—China Mail Special.

New Records In This Bike!



Commercial artist, Gustav Adolf Baum, in the German N.S.U. motor cycle with a streamlined "covering" designed by himself, in which he broke several world records (small capacity), on the Munich—Ingolstadt—Augsburg route. Unusual features was that Baum lay horizontal with his feet facing forward and records were broken in the 50 c.c., 75 c.c., and 100 c.c. classes. For the smaller-capacity classes the engine used was one developed from the N.S.U. 49 c.c. "Quickly" two-stroke and the larger power unit was one of the four-stroke N.S.U. "Fox" type 98.—Express Photo.

Paris Restaurants Expensive? Nonsense, Say Owners

Paris, May 13.

Thirteen leading Paris restaurants have formed an association to explain to the world that their prices, though high, are not exorbitant. Reports that one cannot eat in their restaurants for less than £10 a head have made them angry.

"It simply is not true," said M. Claude Terrail, of the Tour d'Argent.

French Tourist Offices abroad are to display the restaurants' menus with prices in local currencies. The aim is to show that the best Paris restaurants are usually cheaper than their foreign equivalents.

In restaurants of this class they use only the choicest materials, and it takes six people to serve a dish perfectly from the kitchen. In fact, the overhead cost of serving a glass of tap water comes out at 2s 6d.

SPECIMEN MENU
What sort of lunch they could serve for between £2 and £3 a head, with wine? There was hot debate on whether to say, mixed hors d'oeuvre or Bon Jour, cold menu, but not the cheapest, was produced by the manager of a Champs Elysees restaurant. It was: oysters on ice; delicate de sole; cote de boeuf; barquette de fraises; coffee; half a cake of white wine; half a cake of red wine. The price was £2 6s, excluding tip.

The restaurateurs say that their average bill was between £2 5s and £3 a head, and that they had recently cut prices by 10 to 15 per cent.

PUBLISHER DEAD
Sir Reginald Tuck, former Joint Managing Director of Raphael Tuck and Sons, whose Christmas cards are distributed all over the world, has died at his home here, aged 70.—China Mail Special.

Do Women Live Longer Than Men?

London, May 13.

British women are tending to outlive their men, according to the first mortality figures published for 1953 years issued in a report today.

The report, based on 1950 figures, recorded by the Registrar General, shows people in five occupational groups—professional, intermediate, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled.

In all groups, women are living longer, whereas men live longer only in certain occupations, such as the unskilled and semi-skilled groups.

men in ratio to their numbers. Suicide increased slightly in all groups.

Death rates among women showed big drops in all age and class groups. Child mortality showed a big decline, but "poor" children are still about two and a half times more likely to die than "rich" ones.—China Mail Special.

Self-Portrait Of The Man And Prime Minister In 1,200 "Churchillisms"

London, May 14.

A British Editor has built up a new self-portrait of Sir Winston Churchill based on his most telling speeches, maxims and pronouncements.

There are more than 1,200 quotations in this book, which ranges over most of the Prime Minister's long and eventful career, taking in some of his earliest quips as well as the more profound reflections of his old age.

The utterings of the fledgling Churchill jolt for position with the wartime leader's historic exhortations to the British people.

The book, "Sir Winston Churchill—Self-Portrait" (published by Messrs Eyre and Spottiswoode, London—15/-) was compiled by Mr Colin R. Coote, editor of the "Daily Telegraph", with the approval of the Prime Minister.

Appropriately, it quotes in the first few pages a remark which Sir Winston Churchill made to Parliament nine years ago: "I have no intention of passing my remaining years in explaining or withdrawing anything I have said in the past, still less apologising for it."

A chapter devoted to the Prime Minister "on himself" is studded with examples of acute self-analysis. For example: "Looking back with after-knowledge and increasing years, I seem to have been too ready to undertake tasks which were hazardous or even foolhardy."

He wrote this 30 years ago in his book "World Crisis", little knowing that it would prove to be prophecy as well as retrospection. "I have a tendency—against which I should, perhaps, be on my guard—to swim against the stream," he admitted when accepting the leadership of the Conservative Party in 1940.

On his driving nature, he told Parliament in the Second World War: "I am certainly not one of those who need to be prodded. In fact if anything, I am the prod."

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Science has taken some hard knocks from the Prime Minister, on the score that man's ingenuity is largely prostituted, once wrote: "Science buries its insulated head in the fith of slaughterous inventions."

When, two years ago, an American feminist asked him what the role of women should be in the future, he beamingly replied: "The same, I trust, as it has been since the days of Adam and Eve!"

"Where does the family start? It starts with a young man falling in love with a girl—no superior alternative has yet been found," he told the House of Commons some time ago.

His philosophy of drinking was covered in a sentence of his book "My Early Life", in which he said: "I have been brought up and trained to have the utmost contempt for people who get drunk."

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'Unsinkable' Yacht Is Sinking

Miami, May 13.

Speedboat "King" Gar Wood and eight companions abandoned his "unsinkable" twin-hulled yacht, Venturi, when she started to break up in rough seas off the Florida coast today.

A Constair plane hovering over the 120-ton vessel reported: "The Venturi is sinking. She has been abandoned and all aboard have taken to small boats. We are standing by."

Little Constair said a helicopter would pick up Wood and his eight friends who would be brought back to Miami.

Gar Wood, former speedboat racer, had spent 20 years in developing the Venturi on the Catalina principle used by Polynesian islanders.

Wood has said the Venturi, with 20 water-light bulkheads in each of the twin hulls, would be very difficult to sink.—China Mail Special.

Lions Chewed Up Groundsheet

Nairobi, May 12.

Two lions walked into a tent occupied by staff of the Kenya Regiment in a game reserve, on the outskirts of Nairobi this week.

The soldiers bolted but the lions walked on over chewing up a groundsheet.—China Mail Special.

Scots Commit Less Crime

Edinburgh, May 13.
Scots committed more legal offences but less crime last year than in 1952, according to a report published here.
Known offenders, mainly disturbances of the peace, drunkenness and road traffic offences, rose by over five per cent to 112,274, but crimes fell by over six per cent to 76,660.
Police investigated 48 cases of murder during the year.—China Mail Special.

Nationalists May Return Jap Destroyers

Tokyo, May 13.

The newspaper Mainichi reported today that Nationalist China had offered to return to Japan "several" destroyers which it had taken from this country after World War II.

In return, it said, President Chiang Kai-shek appeared to want Japan to supply arms and ammunition to Formosa, and repair and construct small-type warships for the Navy.

The Chinese Embassy here said that it "knew" nothing about the report officially. The spokesman refused to comment further.

Nine of Japan's best World War II destroyers, ranging in size from 1,020 tons to 2,400 tons and in speed from 20 to 35 knots, were taken over by China from Japan's imperial navy in 1947.

It was even decided they were to be given to China, however, the Allies had dismantled all guns, and removed torpedo tubes and other fighting gear.

The Mainichi said that the offer was made informally some time ago by a representative of President Chiang Kai-shek.

But Japan's leaders were not enthusiastic because of the cost involved in rebuilding arms and equipment in the country. China never did outfit them, the Mainichi said.

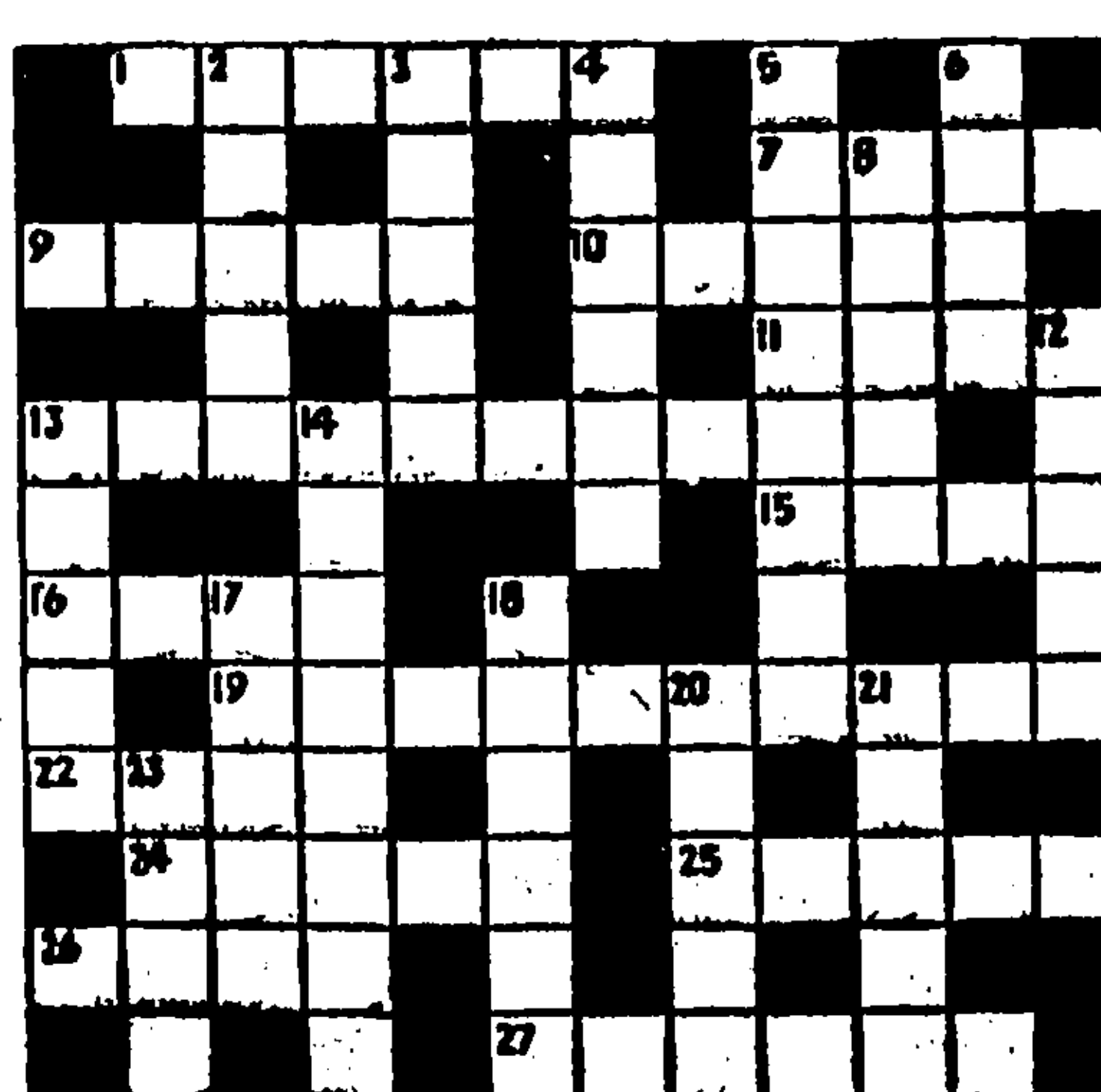
It believed, however, that the United States supported the move as another step in the strengthening of Free Asia against Communism.—United Press.

Paris, May 14.
The Indian Foreign Secretary, Mr R. K. Nehru, arrived here yesterday and will open talks today on the future of the four French settlements on the Indian sub-continent.

France is reported to be prepared to surrender the territories—Pondicherry, Mahe, Karikal and Yanam—if they vote by referendum to join the Indian Republic.

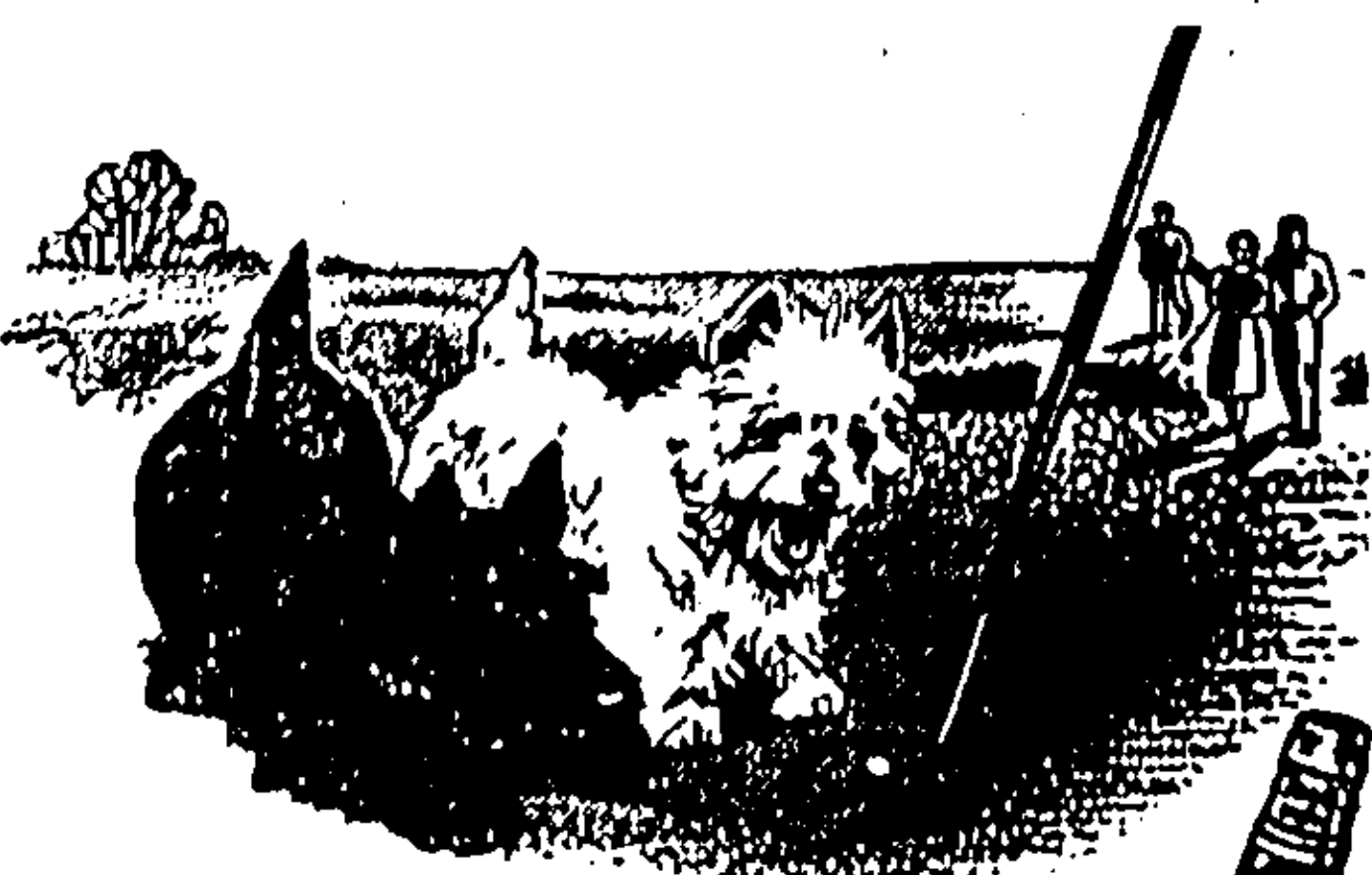
India rejects the idea of a plebiscite and maintains that France should hand over immediately the administration of the settlements, leaving legal details to be settled later.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1 Clonm (6).
2 Tale of Jerusalem (4).
3 Oush (5).
4 Old Nick (5).
5 Wheelies (4).
6 Moment (10).
7 Border (4).
8 Kind of water bird (4).
9 Rebel (10).
10 Check (4).
11 Representative (5).
12 Fashion (5).
13 Death (4).
14 Stopped (5).
DOWN
1 Bend down (5).
2 Subsequently (5).
3 Rogue (5).
4 Reserved (5).
5 Colour (4).
6 Trimm (5).
7 Aroma (5).
8 Loffs (5).
9 Decorate (8).
10 Last letter (5).
11 Block (5).
12 Unusual (5).
13 Bird (5).
14 Loffs (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Charles, 4 Black, 7 Nickel, 8 Score, 10 Rods, 12 Redress, 15 Nuts, 16 Vain, 17 Lame, 18 Trile, 20 Scullies, 21 Every 23 Rains, 24 Rumble, 25 Varro, 26 Spurt, 27 Down: 1 Contests, 2 Accident, 3 Crew, 5 Lacerate, 6 Caravan, 8 Pops, 11 Seething, 12 Riles, 13 Elevator, 14 Sociable, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.



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THE CROCODILE MAN TAKES A SIESTA

... in London, W2

London.

I SHOULD be surprised to hear of anyone being attacked by a hippopotamus in the Baywater Road.

But I was hardly less surprised to find there this week a man who is often attacked by hippos, who tries to earn a living by shooting crocodiles at six feet and who yet looks as though he had never faced anything more dangerous than a London bus.

Mr Paul Potous came from his siesta at five o'clock in the evening—"I'm so sorry, I picked this habit up in Africa"—into a pleasant unpretentious room. He has a full-lipped, ordinary moustache and above it darkish hair. The only thing about him that Hollywood might have noticed was the tan which came from no English April sun.

"At night fall, I take out my boat," he said. "I switch on my headlight. In the glare of it, at 300 yards you can see a crocodile's eyes just above the surface, but that's not much use. The part to hit is its egg-sized brain just above its eyes. Even if you manage to hit that at 300 yards, the croc has sunk before you can get there. I have to shoot it at about six feet, gauge it with a long, spiked pole and lash it to a marker buoy, if it's to be any use to me."

The risk

Six feet seemed dangerously short distance to me.

"Yes, they give a convulsive heave which can upset your boat, even though mine is made of African hardwood and weighs 700lb. That's a risk you must take. I've often taken risks which I oughtn't to have taken."

"Once I was standing on some rocks by the lake shore and a croc suddenly swished with his tail and knocked me down. If an African boy had not grabbed me, I should have been in."

"What would have happened then? The croc would have drowned me and stored me in some hole until I was putrid, then eaten me. Crocs' teeth cannot chew fresh meat."

"Yes, they've teeth all right. They've got special bird-like pincers we call them—who fly into their open jaws to pick their teeth for them. The trouble is that these birds let out a terrific squawk when they see anything coming. That's why I shoot at night."

Paddle fast!

What was the worst danger about shooting crocs by day or by night?

"The hippos. I know they're vegetarians; but they don't like being disturbed. When you know they are coming for you, you put down your outboard motor or tell your boys to paddle fast, and get. Once, when we did not get fast enough, I saw one of my boys snapped in half."

"Another time, the hippo got right underneath us. Luckily we were near the bank. He pitched us into the reeds. Because the high-pitched African voice can carry for several miles we were



PAUL POTOUS
aim above the eyes.

● He was gentle, helpful. The only thing Hollywood might have noticed was the tan... yet this was the man who spent six months of the year standing on a flat-bottomed boat, killing crocodiles six feet away.

by J. P. W. MALLALIEU, MP

able to summon help after a few hours. When help came the hippo, thank goodness, had decided that we weren't going to interfere with him any more. We went on our way."

All this seemed all right, if one were doing it once for a film, with stand-ins.

But Mr Potous, who is 43, had been doing it for five years, six months in every year, in part for money. In those six months he aimed to bag some 50 crocs a month. He skins them, cleans the skins and ships them to New York, where they fetch some £10 a skin and are made into hand-bags, shoes, belts, suitcases (which will last for a 100 years or more), wrist straps and the like.

At £10 a skin, 50 skins a month, for six months in the year, he should net £3,000 for each six-month work, which, despite the danger, is not bad going. But he does not get that.

Hit a rock

Before he starts from Capetown he needs a good car with strong springs. In that car he travels more than 2,000 miles, paying something like 6s. a gallon for petrol. He must have a tent, a boat, an outboard motor—one wish of a croc's tail can smash the motor, priced £75.

He must pay boys to paddle and boys to guide. He must have a 375 high-calibre rifle and soft nose ammunition capable of blowing a croc's head off. He must pay for the 40lb. of salt needed to clean each skin, and pay £1 a head for cleaning.

He must transport the cleaned skins by river boat, rail and steamer to Belra whence they are shipped to New York. He loses touch with them at Belra where he is paid in full—any thing from 18s. 6d. down to 8s. a foot for a 10ft. crocodile skin, depending on fashion, on whether someone is rigging the market or on whether troubles in Indonesia are curtailing

supplies of the highly competitive alligator skin.

He could not do it unless he had some private means. One other man, attracted from the public service by the idea of profit, came up to the lake to shoot crocs. He was ruined, not by crocs, not by hippos, not even by changing fashions, but by the changing level of the lake, due to the shortage of rain. He hit a rock—and his sinking, uninsured boat had cost him £2,000.

Tusks didn't pay

Why, then, do people try to earn a living by shooting crocodiles?

This is what he said. "When I left school at Wellington, I had a small income but couldn't settle down. I spent some years in Finland. Then I went to South Africa and tried Big Game hunting. Big Game hunting came with the war—I had six years in the Army—and after the war, though I was born in London, I just could not settle in England."

"I tried Big Game again. But there was not enough money from tusks. So I turned to crocs."

The freedom

"It's hard living in the bush. I'm out at sundown shooting—at night the crocs seem to lose their fear of man—and I get back around 5 a.m. At 7 a.m. I'm helping with the cleaning of the skins. I get a siesta from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—you see where I caught the habit. Then out shooting again."

"But I love the feeling of freedom. For six months I'm on my own, fishing for my own food or shooting it and never talking to a white man. At the end of the six months I go to Capetown for the deep sea fishing or, when I can afford it, I come to London—for the West End. Am I married? Good Lord, no woman would stand my life."

But Mr Potous can stand it. And at the end of May he is going back to kill crocs.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"You and your husband! What on earth are you going to pay if the third from the left doesn't turn out to be Burgess!"

Eve Perrick On Cafe Society

A BRIEF GUIDE ON WHERE TO GO

London. THE basic rules of How to Play the Cafe Society Game have not varied much over the years. The old maxim—a fourfold one—"act smart," "keep it gay," "be in the know," "have a line"—still holds good.

The main trouble is that though the rules remain constant the playgrounds change so often.

Fashions in restaurants are as unpredictable as fashions in anything else. One minute you just have to be seen in a certain place—the next, you wouldn't be seen dead there.

So I present this brief guide to some of the top cafes of cafe society with this warning. These facts, figures, and faces are current and correct as of this date. Tomorrow—who knows—anything can happen, and probably will.

First, then, the "400"—soft lights (so soft you have to depend on memory rather than eyesight) to recognise your dancing partner), sweet music (no crooners or other capers), and snob value for £5 5s. a year subscription.

The one-time £1 entrance fee has recently been abolished, so you could go in and just order water to drink between dances.

However, to avoid any embarrassment, I would suggest something stronger. Champagne or whisky is about

£3 a bottle. Dinner about 30s. a head. Evening dress is essential.

Among others Mr Robert Taylor has been turned away because he was wearing the wrong suit. (Don't worry about him, though. He was warmly welcomed by the other establishment run by the same people—the Embassy—where the same prices bring you cabaret and a more democratic atmosphere.)

A word of advice about the owners of the place. The "400" being one of the old-school spots, it is the done thing to know the maître d'hôtel, M. Rosa, and not the proprietor (which is correct only in the postwar clubs).

In fact, once upon a time, the keen-eyed Queen (when she was Princess Elizabeth) said to her sister Princess Margaret: "I wonder who that little man who sits all by himself every night is. I feel so sorry for him."

The lone table-sitter is Mr Al Barnett, one of the partner-proprietors who also own a car-cleaning service and a couple of delicatessen shops.

Get a cut

BEST up for a good start into the circle—a table at the Cafe de Paris on the night of June 21, when Marlene Dietrich, introduced by Noel Coward, makes her cabaret bow over here.

If you can make it, count on spending about £4 a head for food and wine. The real stars are the rapier fighters, perching and thrusting at each other with pin swords, and the gossamer light-rope walker who carries a pearsol.

But always there is the problem of finding fresh talent and training it to circus pitch. For the life of performing fleas is at most a brief one of about three months, despite the special food and their luxury billets, comprising a small red box with separate cotton wool-lined compartments with everything laid on.

Those were the days. Mr Rayner is glad that changing times and better conditions generally are gradually clearing away Britain's slums, but when they were at their worst and most numerous 25 years ago, those definitely were the days for the flea circus proprietor, and Mr Rayner in particular.

He has been in the business 30 years and never came across a flea who didn't show some affection for any human acquaintance.

Not every flea is a suitable circus performer, and few are potential stars. Like humans, they have to go through an audition. Selection is made by bottling the insects. Those which persistently try to jump out of the cage are rejected, and only the quiet and docile ones are put into circus training.

This raises a problem, for diet is important. Once they were fed by being allowed to roam all over the owner; nowadays they are given a specially prepared food based on a secret formula.

DELICATE TOUCH. The customers, of course, have to be protected, which necessitates all the selected performers being harnessed. This is a delicate operation which takes years of patient practice, calling for the most delicate touch. Failure at this important initial task is one of the reasons, says Billy, why there are so few flea masters in the profession. If the harnessing wire is pulled too tight the flea dies; too slack and it escapes. The operation entails the winding of a microscopically-small silver or gold wire halter around the insect's neck.

Once they are harnessed, they are tethered to some fixture or to tiny mobile cylinders. Then hours of patient training before they will perform the dainty tricks that delight the public.

In the Rayner Circus the flea rides a cycle by holding a cone

that stars come out to be seen at a discount. When Douglas Fairbanks took a party of 30 men and women of distinction, including the Duchess of Kent, Mr Kaye, Sir Laurence and lady, and the rest, he had his bill reduced by £15.

The most colourful restaurant in town is Rhea Dajou, whose progress round the West End can be spotted by the number of places that still have ruffled crimson satin decor (his hallmark).

Dajou at the moment runs a supper club called the Casanova, at which he provides the only entertainment.

His opening line is always the same: "You should have been in last night. Everyone was here. I had... There follows a list of names, all pronounced wrongly, of the most exalted among his highly social members.

But his biggest moment came one night when a more than merry-maker was being rather noticeably drunk in full view of everyone present. With great presence of mind Dajou grabbed the hat of an innocent girl supping at another table and proceeded to do an impromptu cabaret act to divert attention.

You may think that such a performance is worth any price. Even so, I assure you, that when you get one of Dajou's bills you'll still be staggered.

If you prefer a quieter place on the plushy level, a little snugger known as Siegl's has a sophisticated pianist and the tables close enough together for cavedropping without strain.

It was there that, as I once reported, I overheard the film producer saying to the pretty girl: "Honey, I can get you into more pictures than there are hairs on your head." High prices do bring you certain privileges, as well they ought.

Get seen

COMING round to the no-membership or cover-charge-nonsense restaurants, the Caprice remains where it always was—right at the top.

The West End's most-famed theatrical eating-out spot can offer—for about 80s. a head at lunch, £2 at dinner—shoulder-rubbing proximity with the stars of stage and screen and TV.

But to make your way from one of the round-the-corner tables on the wrong side of the room to a back-bench round the centre can take years of constant and costly application.

Newest comer to the smart-spot list is the Mirabelle. Same clientele as the Caprice plus, occasionally, Prince Bernhard of Netherlands, Prince Bertil of Sweden, Anna Neagle, and Sir Robert Boothby.

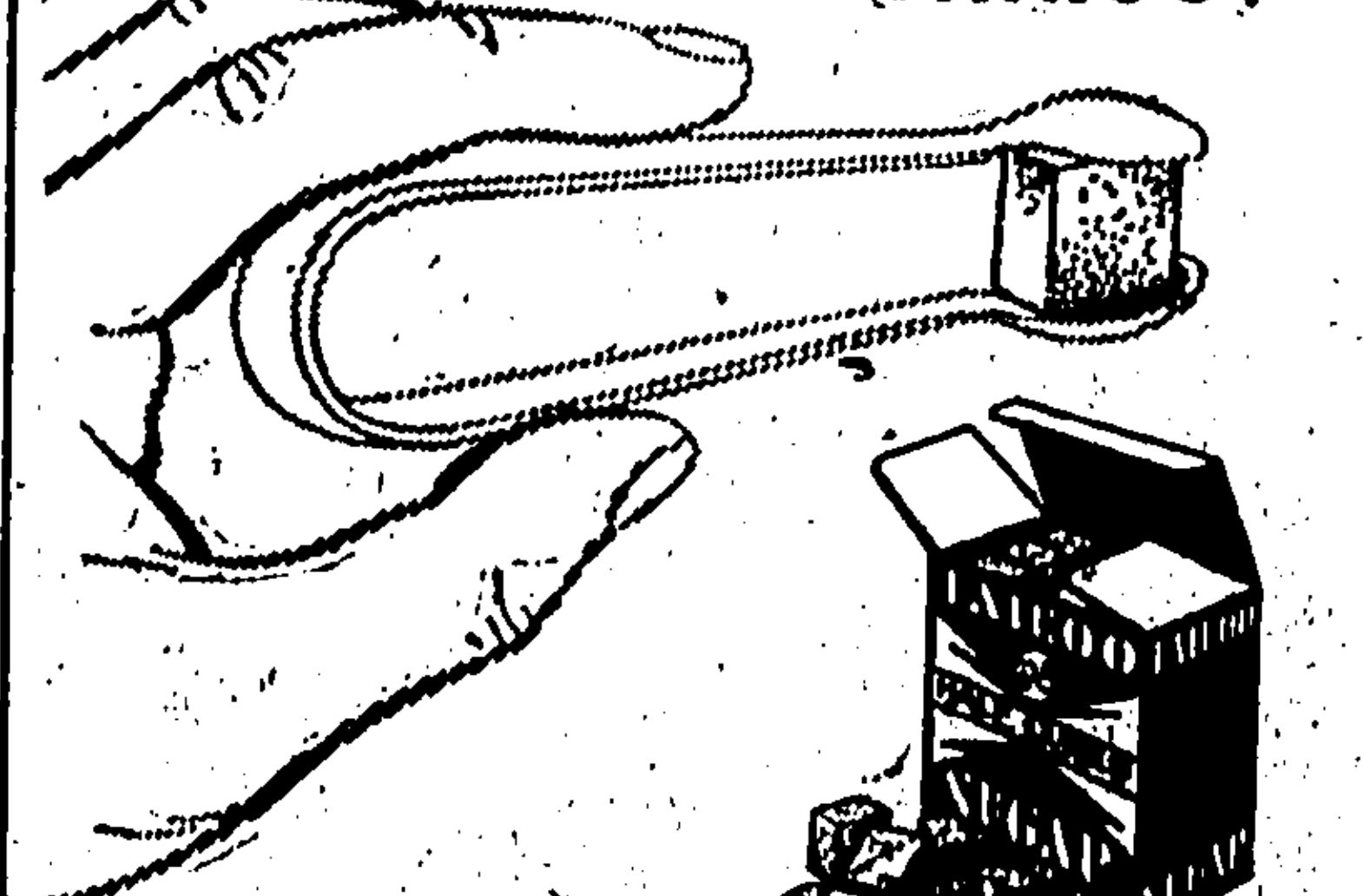
Prices just a little higher. But then the Windsors dined there when they were in London last.

Get fun

WELL, there's the primer on How, Who, and Where. I suppose the question now is: Is the cafe society game worth the candle?

I honestly think so. It's fun. It's moderately good value for money (when you remember that it costs 10 guineas for a ring-side view of a prize-fight). And it can even be profitable.

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LEAGUE TENNIS

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KCC v SCAA 6-0

K. Lo and T. Lo (KCC) lost to K. H. Ip and K. Lo 0-6, lost to D. Szeto and S. W. Kuo 6-4. A. August and P. Hall (KCC) lost to Ip and Lam 2-6, lost to D. Szeto and S. W. Kuo 6-4. C. Oung and E. Lomo (KCC) lost to Ip and Lam 1-6, lost to Liang and Dai 4-6, beat Szeto and Kuo 6-4.

LRC 5½ UC 3½ C. Chung (UC) beat Book and B. Smart and E. Zuluaga 6-0, beat D. Barnett and S. Stuckey 6-2, beat E. E. Story and H. Williams 6-0.

C. C. Cheng and W. K. Cheng (SCAA) beat Smart and Zuluaga 6-0, beat Barnett and Stuckey 6-1, beat Story and Williams 6-0.

K. M. Getz and K. L. Wan lost to Smart and Zuluaga 1-6, lost to Barnett and Stuckey 1-6, lost to Story and Williams 4-6.

HKCC lost to LRC 0-9.

M. Heenan and L. Goldman (HKCC) lost to W. P. Tait and F. Choy 2-6, lost to V. T. Wong and S. W. Wong 3-6, lost to Y. P. Tait and S. N. To 3-6.

J. D. Muckle and R. M. Macpherson (HKCC) lost to Tait and Choy 4-6, lost to Wong and Wong 3-6, lost to Tait and To 2-6.

R. E. Moore and R. L. Chabert (HKCC) lost to Tait and Choy 1-6, lost to Wong and Wong 3-6, lost to Tait and To 1-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

In a Ladies' doubles "A" Division game SCAA beat USBC by 8-1. Mrs. S. Chiu and Mrs. N. Yung (SCAA) lost to Mrs. Farber and Mrs. Albrow 6-3, beat Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Lamb 6-0.

Mrs. N. Chiu and Mrs. C. Poon (SCAA) beat Farber and Albrow 7-6, beat Cox and Lamb 6-0.

Mrs. K. H. Ip and Miss H. Y. Lo (SCAA) beat Farber and Albrow 6-4, beat Cox and Lamb 6-1, beat Chiu and Poon 6-3.

LRC lost to KCC 3-6.

Mrs. Kie and Miss Phillips (LRC) lost to Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Dow 2-6, lost to Mrs. Liang and Mrs. Ayles 6-0, beat Mrs. Thompson and Miss Fincher 6-0.

Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Crichton (LRC) lost to Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Dow 2-6, lost to Mrs. Liang and Mrs. Ayles 6-0, beat Mrs. Thompson and Miss Fincher 6-0.

Mr. Baker and Mrs. Mathen (LRC) drew with Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Dow 0-6, lost to Mrs. Liang and Mrs. Ayles 1-6, lost to Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Crichton 5-7.

Volunteers Centenary Golf Contest

In the Volunteer Centenary golf tournament at Fanling on Sunday, the morning competition will be an 18-hole Stableford on ½ handicap and in the afternoon there will be a four-somes competition, ¾ of the difference between combined handicaps being taken.

Lunch will be served at 1.30 p.m. It is hoped that all competitors will join forces on the "Volunteer" table at that time.

A rail bus will leave Kowloon Station at 8.10 a.m. for those wishing to travel by rail, and the return bus will leave Sheung Shui at 6.24 p.m.

Following are the starting times:

Old Course

9.25 a.m., D. S. Robt v L. Goldman; 9.32, G. H. Kierkegaard v R. G. L. O'Connell; 9.36, L. M. S. Lloyd v J. R. Collins; 9.40, W. Crundley v R. J. Jones; 9.44, V. Gittin v F. R. Zimmern; 9.48, H. Owen Hughes v E. Huttenier; 9.52, J. B. Kie v N. V. A. Croucher; 9.56, M. Davis v F. N. Kent.

1.15 p.m., Bobb/Goldman v Hunter/Pearce; 2.20, Aikheed/O'Connell v Litch/Eastman; 2.25, Penn/Buck v Stoker/Colling; 2.30, Crundley/Hung v Holmes/Williamson; 2.35, Gittin/Zimmern; 2.40, Owen/Hughes; 2.45, Huttenier/Pinna; 2.50, Kie/Croucher v Kie/Grange; 2.55, Daniel/Kent v McNamee/Slater.

New Course

9.25 a.m., F. D. Hunter v T. A. Pearce; 9.32, J. R. Litch v A. T. G. Eastman; 9.36, W. Stoker v W. R. K. Collins; 9.40, D. R. Holmes v H. B. Williamson; 9.44, G. H. E. Fritchard v R. E. Lee; 9.48, J. B. Mackie v A. R. Pinna; 9.52, L. D. Kie v C. W. Grange; 9.56, P. J. McNamee v P. N. Slater.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Milwaukee, May 14.

Champion semi-professional baseball teams from four continents will compete here next year in the first international baseball tournament, it was announced yesterday.

Officials of the tournament said that throughout this year, there would be championship elimination tournaments in individual countries. These are: Japan, England, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Finland, Australia, Mexico, Canada and the United States.

Elimination tournaments would be held again in 1955 to qualify the strongest teams from each continent. Japan would send her national champion.

The world tournament would be held here in September, 1955.—Rout.

MCC v. YORKSHIRE AT LORD'S



P. E. Richardson (MCC) drives R. Appleyard (Yorkshire), who is playing his first match since a serious illness which has kept him from playing for about two years, for two runs to put the MCC 50 runs up for no wickets. The wicket-keeper is R. Booth (Yorkshire) and on the left is Freddie Trueman (Yorkshire).

Roger Knew He Could Climb His 'Everest'

By DESMOND HACKETT

Roger Bannister of Britain became the first man on earth to beat the four-minute mile when, down at his old University track here at Oxford on May 6, he put up a new world record of 3 minutes 59.4 seconds.

It was the first attempt by the 25-year-old medical student to become the fastest miler in the world.

Here is the story of the race—a race between AAA and University miler—with a lap by lap commentary.

A false start. The runners jogged away, lined up again, and were off.

Bannister, running for AAA, stumbled slightly. Twenty-five-year-old Chris Brasher, peering intently through his glasses, pushed out in front.

SO QUIET

It was all so quiet you could hear the wind whistling through the trees and a rope snapping noisily against a flagpost.

There was a gasp of surprise when, at the 220 mark, the announcer intoned impersonally, "Twenty-seven seconds."

BANNISTER: "I did not catch what he said and thought he had called out 30 seconds. I shouted to Brasher, 'Faster, faster!'"

BRASHER: "I reckoned we were going to wreck the thing by starting fast, and was shaken when Roger gave me the whip for more pace."

At the quarter-mile it was still a silent, unmoved crowd when the time announced was "Fifty-seven point five seconds."

At 600 yards his adviser, Austrian Franz Stampfl, called out to Bannister, "Relax, relax," as Bannister moved smoothly past.

BANNISTER: "That call made me feel really good. I felt then I had a great chance."

At the half-mile the shattering time, again announced with the air of a man giving the weather report, came: "One minute fifty-eight point two seconds."

For the first time the spectators sensed the greatness of the occasion. They commenced to clap.

At 1,100 yards Brasher, pale-faced and reeling, moved to the outside lane and Bannister was in the lead for the first time.

Red-haired Chris Chataway almost sprinted to take up the lead and the job of pace-making.

BRASHER: "I had done all I could. I did not have a decent stride left."

CHATAWAY: "I knew that the plan we had practised on all winter was taking place and I was all set to take over."

Then he was in the straight, his tortured face fighting for breath, his head rolling with fatigue, but his stride still magnificent and full of courageous power.

As he broke the tape he stumbled and fell unconscious, and it was only when the crowd put up three cheers that he feebly raised his arm to acknowledge he had climbed his "Everest."

He shook his head wearily and asked "Did I do it?" Stampfl replied "I think so." Bannister muttered, "Where's the tape?"

With 250 yards to go the hatchet-faced Bannister took control. His lean legs lengthened into a long, classical stride. He ran stoutly straight into the headwind that blew down the last bend.

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JOHN LANDY SHORTENS HIS STRIDE

Turku, Western Finland, May 13.

Australian star miler John Landy today revealed that he has to shorten his strides for Finland's cinder tracks but said that this does not shorten his possibilities of cracking the four-minute mile.

"My first goal will be the four-minute mile," Landy said. "Running on cinders is quite a different thing than on grass at home. It is a lot easier to run on cinders but it calls for another style. I had my strides in Melbourne measured about 216 centimetres at full speed."

"Here I started with the same strides but now I have shortened them to 180 centimetres, and I'm now running better."

Landy's first race is on May 31.—United Press.

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Last-Ditch Fight By Gunson Hoh Before The IOC

Athens, May 13.

Leading members of the International Olympic Committee will on Monday discuss whether Communist China be given membership despite a last-ditch fight by Nationalist China to remain the official member.

The battle to keep Nationalist China's representation on the International Olympic Committee as the only one for Chinese athletes is being waged by Gunson Hoh, President of Nationalist China's Olympic Committee.

On Monday the Congress agenda includes action on membership applications from Red China, East Germany, Northern Rhodesia, Ethiopia, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Malaya.

"You can't ignore a country of 400,000,000 people," said one member with reference to Communist China. "The question is quite different from that of admitting Red China to the United Nations."

Gunson Hoh, who flew to the Athens meeting from Manila where 250 Chinese athletes under his direction had been competing in the Asian Games, does not believe that his problem differs that much from that of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

PRINCIPLE INVOLVED

"The IOC cannot ignore the principle involved any more than the United Nations," he told the United Press. "We are and always have been the legal Chinese Olympic Committee representation."

Hoh does not agree with the predictions of IOC members, and to point up his case he announced that he would launch an attack on the "amateur" status of athletes from China, Soviet Russia and her satellites.

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An inaugural lecture from the Chair of Physics "Some Recent Developments in Nuclear Physics" will be delivered by

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Members of the University and the Public are invited to attend.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

In the Goods of GEORGE TURNBULL REID, late of No. 11 Highburgh Terrace Kowloon, died intestate in the Colony of Hong Kong, and of No. 31, Hoodeade, Grindon, Sunderland Co. Durham, England, Engineer, Manager, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 25(1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance (Cap. 10) made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th day of May, 1954.

All creditors and others are accordingly required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Voting Members will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Friday, 28th May, 1954, at 5.45 p.m. for the purposes of receiving the Reports of the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards, of considering, and if thought fit, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1954, and of re-appointing the Auditors.

All Members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue. They are invited to forward to the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the Meeting is due to take place, any matters which they may wish to bring up for discussion.

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Dutch To Build Ships For Russia

London. Commander A. H. P. Noble, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, stated in the Commons that he was aware that the Netherlands had undertaken to authorise the construction of certain cargo ships for the U.S.S.R.

Any request by British yards to build ships for Russia would be given every consideration, he said in reply to a question by Mr. J. H. Roy (Lab., Leith), but as far as he was aware no requests to build similar ships had been received.

Mr. Shinwell (Lab., Eastington) asked the Minister to make it quite clear that if it was open to the Dutch Government to build ships for the Russians there was no reason why British shipbuilders should be precluded.

UNDER DISCUSSION Commander Noble said he was entirely agreed. These matters were at the moment under discussion between the Western Powers.

Mr. J. A. Langford-Holt (C. Shrewsbury) said that businessmen returning from Russia had been told that no licences would be granted for ships over 1,000 tons and that these orders were fulfilled by shipbuilders on the Continent.

The Minister said he was not aware of that information, but pointed out that a large contract for trawlers, worth about £6m., had been contracted for by U.K. firms.

The tonnage of merchant ships licensed in British shipyards in the first quarter of 1954, after allowing for the cancellation of licences issued in earlier years, was 5,878 gross tons. Commander Noble stated. In 1953 the figure was 119,815 gross tons.

In the first quarter of this year cancellations of merchant ships licensed in previous years to be built on the North-East Coast exceeded the licences issued by 1,910 gross tons. In the first quarter of 1953 licences issued amounted to 40,470 gross tons and there were no cancellations.



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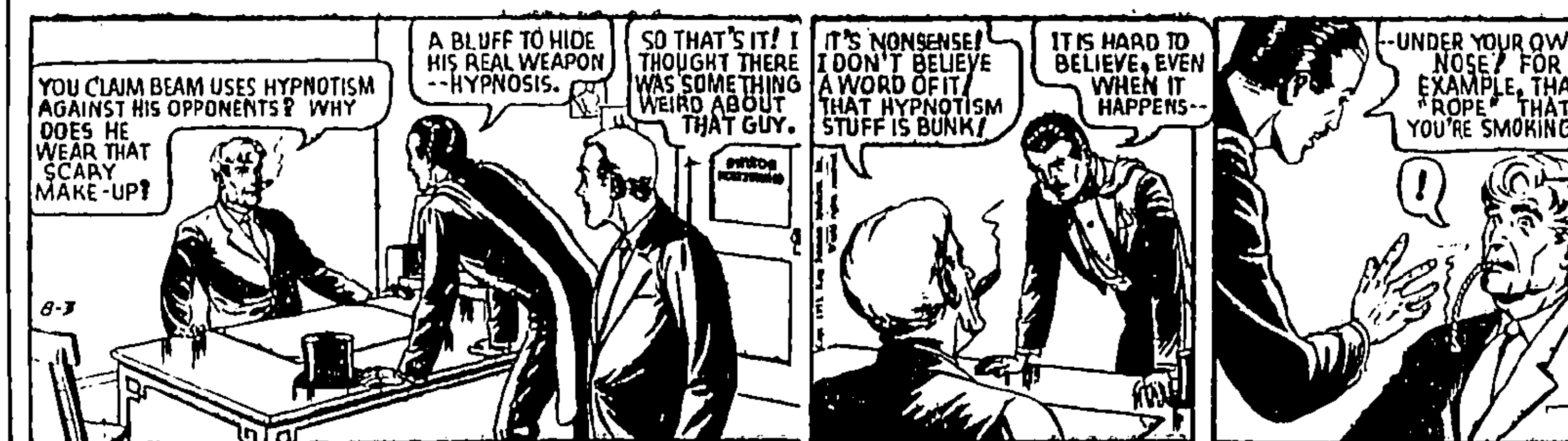
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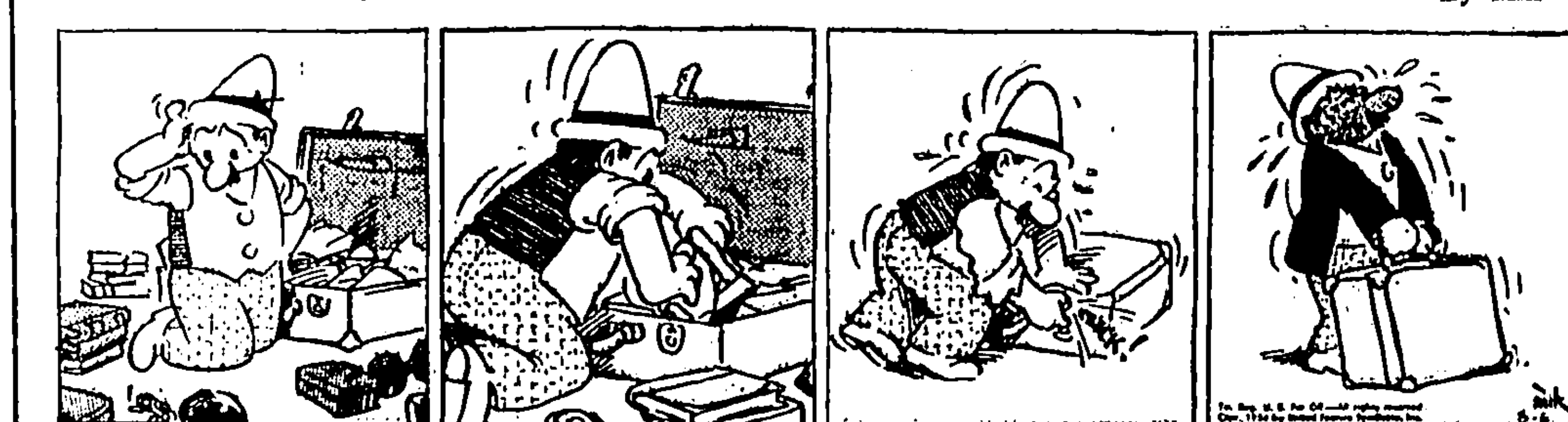
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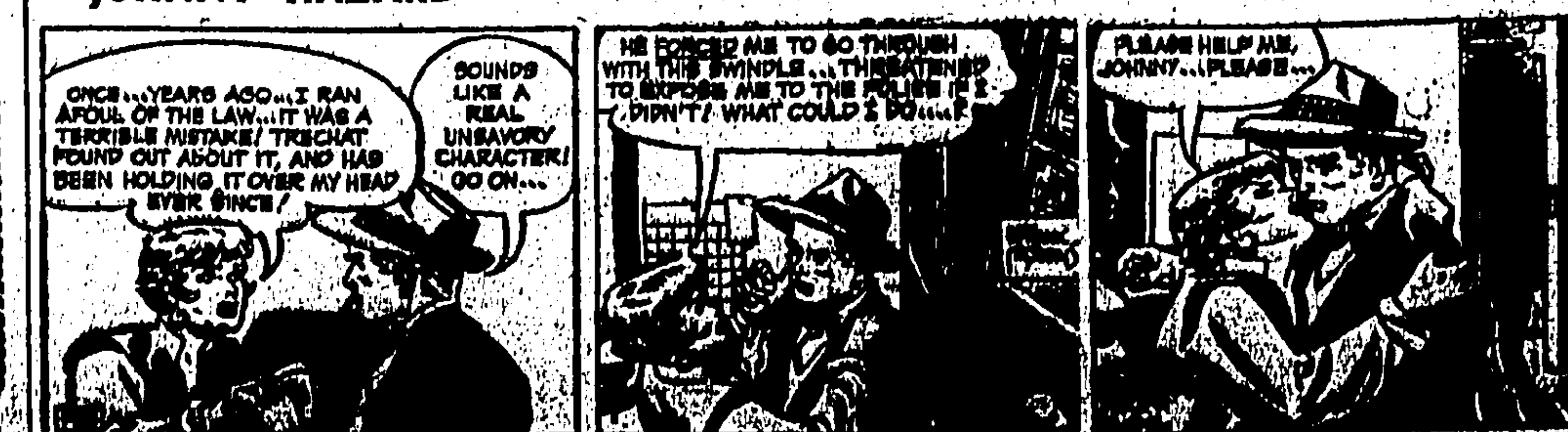
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US To Make Loans To India?

Washington, May 13. The United States Ambassador to India, Mr. George Allen, plans to leave Washington on Saturday to return to his New Delhi post amid suggestions in Congress that the proposed economic aid to India could take the form of a loan-grant combination.

The Ambassador appeared yesterday before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives studying the aid programme to defend it against threatened heavy cuts and to calm Congressional tempers ruffled by the foreign policy attitudes of the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru.

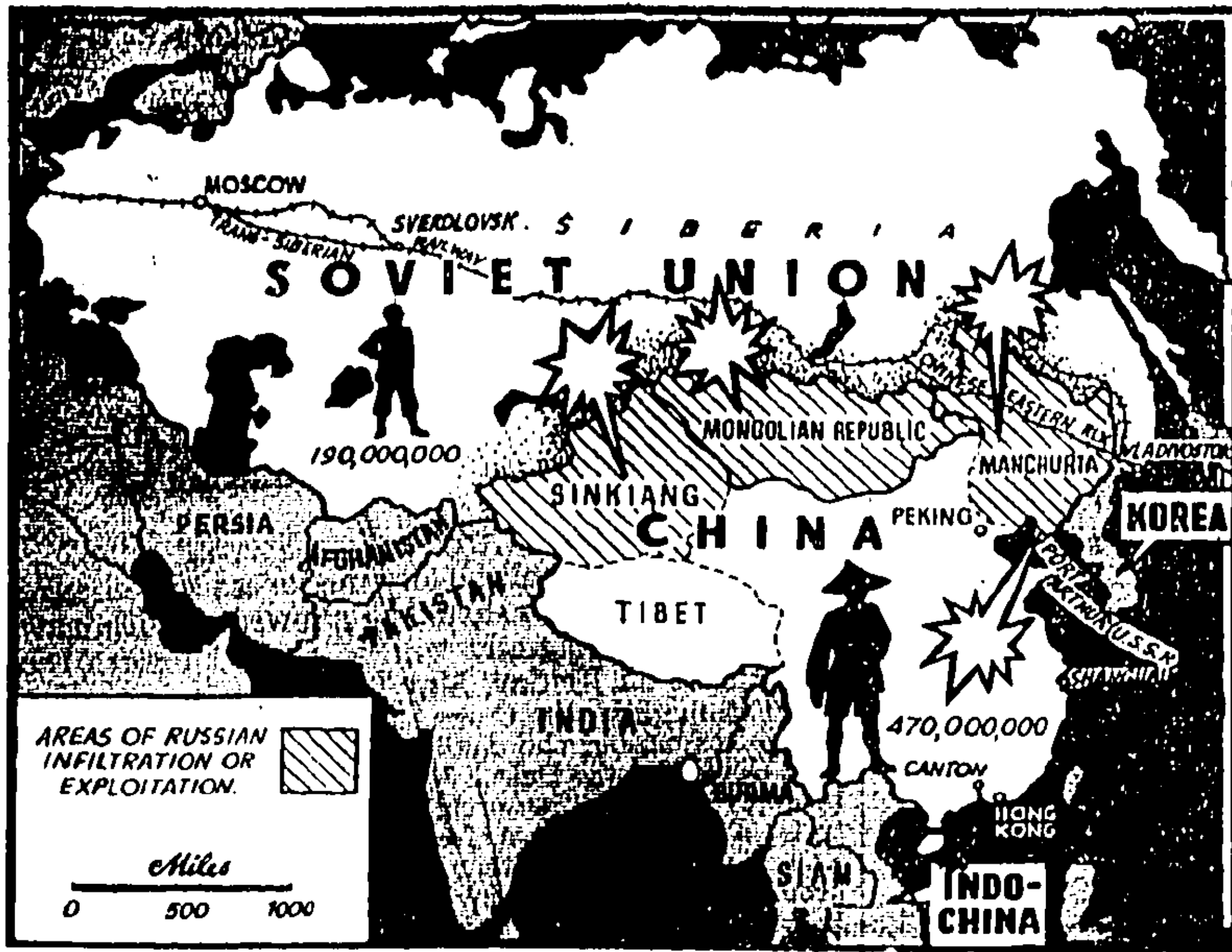
President Eisenhower's administration, in its new global military and economic aid bill, totalling \$8,497,700,000, was seeking \$85,000,000 for direct economic aid to India and another \$9,500,000 to provide technical assistance.

Senator Alexander Wiley (Republican, Wisconsin), the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which heard the Ambassador yesterday, told Reuters today: "I think part of the proposed economic aid to India might usefully be given in the form of loans but the Committee has not yet decided. The time has come for the United States to put economic aid on a loan basis in cases where the money is for prospects which produce an income return on the investment."

The Senator said he understood that "a number of Indians" were not opposed to that suggestion. He added that the Government was providing technical assistance on a grant basis.

Wiley's views had the support of other members of Congress, Reuters.

Friends And Neighbours?



Do old enemies make good, lasting friends? This week, as the Russian-Chinese link seems stronger than ever before, Newsmap recalls a little history.

Maybe the Chinese remember, too, that of all their ex-ploters, none was more ruthless than the neighborly Russians.

Russia was annexing bits of Manchuria before the turn of the century, building herself a "short cut" railway branch of the Trans-Siberian to the sea.

The Japanese took Manchuria from the Russians, but Russia dictated the fate of Manchuria again at Yalta in

1945, and today has land and sea forces at Port Arthur. The vast frontier lands of Mongolia have long known Russian interference. The Chinese have been in Mongolia since 1913, and there was an armed conflict with Russia after the 1911 Revolution.

Mongolia rich in mineral wealth, lay back to China, but by a Russo-Chinese treaty of 1915 the Chinese had to recognize the complete independence of their former province.

Following China's western position, literally the "new frontier" is rich in oil, uranium. The Russians came in to "help" the local Chinese

Government after religious uprisings in 1932. "They stayed." Today their infiltration is a story of Russian bases, Russian mines, Russian outposts, Russian go-downs, despoiling grounds, not only at least under "joint control" of the two countries.

Today the story of Russian infiltration and influence right across China's vast northern areas to the fact that always counts in the long run man power.

Measure Russia's 190 million against China's 470 million. Circumstances make friends of the Russians and Chinese. Geography makes neighbours of them.

Dr Malan's New Move Against African "Squatters"

Cape Town, South Africa, May 13.

South Africa's Nationalist Government is taking new powers for the control and direction of Africans under controversial bills now being put through Parliament.

Authority is demanded for the elimination of native labour "squatters" on country farmlands, further limitation of the movement and residence of Africans in urban areas and the mass transfer of many thousands of people from Johannesburg's slum-ridden suburban "black spots".

Government majorities in both the South African Assembly and the Senate can ensure the quick and safe passage for all the new laws of the Minister of Native Affairs, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, arch exponent of the Nationalist Government's apartheid or colour-segregation policies.

For, with all the publicity for his new native measures, and the debates they provoke, Dr Verwoerd, a 52-year-old former Afrikaans newspaper editor and University Professor, has become the "man of the year" in South African politics.

Parliamentary opponents, sympathetic with some measure of colour segregation for South Africa, may sometimes agree with the main purpose of his legislation. But they suspect his methods of exploiting it and see him as a "dictator" over the country's 8,500,000 natives.

As a result of the new restrictions and orders, the Nationalist Government of Dr Daniel Malan is accused of assuming the direction of native labour and preventing Africans from having any permanent home in South African cities and towns.

Native "squatters" on South African farms are to be moved under a measure called the Native Trust and Land Amendment Bill. Dr Verwoerd, explaining this bill, said the measure includes natives who give their services to farmers in return for a piece of land to cultivate, and those who just pay rent to live on farms.

Squatting Evils

Opponents of the Government join in condemning the evils of squatting. But they wonder where all the natives will go when moved. One estimate suggests that half of some 2,750,000 natives living on South African farms are squatters.

Thousands of these opponents of the bill say these people will be left wandering about the countryside with nowhere to live.

Tighter restrictions over Africans in the country's urban areas are sought under a bill amending the Natives (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act of South Africa.

Long before the bill reached debate in Parliament, it was a public issue because of the powers it would give to the Minister to limit to five the number of native servants making their homes in small roof-top tenements over blocks of flats—picturesquely termed "vocalions in the sky".

This law is part of the planned apartheid pattern of getting natives out of European areas. It threatens the domestic arrangements of many families as well as involving a mass evacuation of Africans from bigger cities.

Johannesburg alone has some 15,000 so-called "sky-dwellers". In addition, there are over 100,000 other native servants in the city.

Critics of the scheme who see the Government already over-committed in providing alternative housing for various removal plans, believe it would take ten years to apply the new law.

The Government maintains that it is in the interests of the natives to force them out of over-populated city areas. It

promises housing space and extra travel facilities to city jobs. Further provisions of the bill affect some 750,000 so-called "foreign" natives in South Africa—Africans who have crossed into the Union from the Rhodesias or Portuguese East Africa. These Africans, who must have special permits to work in urban areas, now face repatriation or diversion to rural farm labour if they change or lose their city jobs.

Only Own A House

The bill now classifies natives from Britain's High Commission territories—Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland—within the Union as "foreign" if they want urban area work.

A third piece of legislation, the Natives (Resettlement) Bill, consuming days of Parliamentary debate and columns of controversial newspaper comment, is Dr Verwoerd's plan for transferring some 60,000 Africans from Johannesburg's so-called Western Areas, native suburban districts which are to be entirely cleared for European development.

The transfer of all the inhabitants to a new area called Meadowlands further out of the city, is part of an ultimate plan to shift 102,000 Africans in "black spots" townships round Johannesburg to new areas away from new European settlements.

Government opponents see the need to clear up native slum areas, which have for long been a source of riots and crime, but have bitterly attacked the bill for ending native freehold rights anywhere near the city area. On the new site they will not be allowed to own land, only the houses to be built for them.

Complete demolition of the area and transfer of the population may take ten years. Fears have already been expressed of the consequences if some of the inhabitants resist removal from the freehold land granted them many years ago.

Another feature of Dr Verwoerd's new legislation is the power it gives him over local bodies who "negotiate" the transfer of natives to new areas. It is a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer, with no room for negotiation.

China Mail Special.

HK SHARE PRICES LOWEST FOR SIX MONTHS But Market Closed Yesterday On Steadier Note

By A Special Correspondent

This week, Hongkong share prices were carried down to their lowest levels for six months following the fall of Dien Bien Phu last Friday and the continued stalemate at the Geneva talks. Utilities, Stores and Lands were all hit by the reduced demand and the turnovers which, up to yesterday averaged about \$260,000, were the lowest since just before Christmas last year.

Banks which managed to hold steady earlier in the week were marked down yesterday at \$1,650 after the London price had sagged £2 to £92½ on the week.

There was a revival of interest and a wide expansion of business in the market yesterday afternoon when a number of public made a slight recovery but sellers appeared quickly and shares lost most of the ground gained earlier in the day.

This is how some of the main prices moved yesterday. Hotels were up five cents to finish the day at \$8.35. Lands closed 50 cents better at \$56. Trains, after moving up to \$26.30 slipped back to a steady price of \$26.10. China Lights ended the day at \$14.70, ten cents better than its opening price, the new shares finished ten cents better at \$11.70 after touching \$12. Electrics finished 20 cents down at \$24.80 while Dairy Farms improved from \$23 to \$23.30 on the day, after touching \$23.40 at one stage.

The appearance of buyers yesterday afternoon was interesting for it bears out to some extent brokers' beliefs that prices have now fallen so low that investors are ready to buy again.

On the other hand, the re-appearance of the sellers later in the afternoon suggests the market will not make much headway until there is some political settlement in the Far East or, at least until the present tension eases.

Brokers therefore believe that shares may hold yesterday's prices for the next few days for the market appeared more settled at the close of business.

A COMPARISON

I said earlier that following the fall of Dien Bien Phu share prices had fallen to their lowest levels for about six months. What has happened to share prices in that period? Early in January prices began climbing towards the boom levels of early February. During those weeks it was a monotonous story of shares continually reaching and passing new "highs". Looking back in the files yesterday I saw that in my first comment on the Hongkong stock market, I wrote: "Hongkong banks are at their best levels for more than a year while Hongkong Hotels, Cements, Dairy Farms, and China Lights old and new are at their best levels for many years."

Well, here is how today's prices compare with those boom prices of only four months ago:

	Yesterday's Price	Jan-Feb High
Banks	1650	1670
Utilities	850	860
Hotels	8.35	8.50
China Prov.	12	14
HK Hotels	8.35	9.10
HK Land	56 (Kt)	70
Trains	26.10	26.30
China Lights	14.70	16
old	14.70	16
new	11.70	13
Electrics	24.80	33
Telephones	26.20	31
Dairy Farms	23.30	24½
Cements	17.20	21.35

(All prices in HK dollars).

Two points must be born in mind when comparing these figures. In the case of almost every share dividends have been paid in between the two periods. At the same time, however, the January-February high quoted do not represent the highest point to which some of these shares have climbed. In March, for instance, Banks touched \$1,700 and Unions \$875, Hotels, \$9.85, China Lights old, \$16.80 and new \$18.00.

The figures show that in the case of some utilities and industries there have been some pretty heavy losses in the last four months.

ON THE BOTTOM

One broker, looking at the market yesterday, said: "The market is on the bottom. It is at the present appears to be a good time to start thinking about new orders as there is still a few months to go before the dividend season brings a new buoyancy to the market."

Incidentally I heard from a friend in England the other day that the Chinese Communists are giving Europe a taste of "Hsiang Pin", a new champagne. A Frenchman discovered the drink in East Berlin during the Berlin Foreign Ministers' conference in January and although he was a Burgundian he was sporting enough to describe it as "a good sweet champagne—good for ladies anyway". It cost seven shillings, was bottled in exact imitations of champagne bottles and carried labels on which were printed red Chinese characters.

According to the experts, the words "Hsiang Pin" taken separately mean "aromatic betel nut" but taken together they are the nearest the Chinese can get of transcribing the French word "champagne".

It has found its way to other European capitals, including Zurich, and Geneva, but none has been seen in Paris yet!

Britain Builds More Houses In March

London, May 13. The number of permanent new houses and flats completed in Britain during March was 33,700, the highest monthly total since the war. It exceeded by more than 200 the previous best, in December, and it was 4,980 above the March total last year.

A record was also established in the monthly total for private builders. They completed 1,008 houses for sale. The previous highest in the post-war period was 6,864 in October.

The latest figures for the private builders in 2,554 above their output for March, 1953, an increase of 5.6 per cent. Figures for dwellings under construction also reflect the expansion in the market for new homes.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 13.

Profit-taking for the second time this week brought down stock prices on the New York stock market this week.

Recent leaders in the industrials and rails suffered losses ranging to more than a point in late dealings. A large group of special stocks, however—many of them neglected in the advance so far—finished with gains of a point or more.

Turnover was 2,340,000, or 130,000 shares more than yesterday's volume of business. Today's figure was the heaviest since April 30.

Market observers were not surprised at the reversal in trend, coming as it did after a steady rise which lifted industrial to the highest point since October 22, 1929, rally since March 27, 1953, utilities since September 1, 1951.

It was considered purely a technical move.

Losses were widest in recent leaders, issues such as Monsanto Chemical off 3½ points, Du Pont, down ½, Allied Chemical ¼, point, American Telephone ¼, US Gypsum continued to respond to news of oil exploration on its property rising 2½.

IKO Theatre featured activity by a wide margin, rising ½ point to \$6½ as the company announced its intention to offer to purchase its own stocks at prices up to \$6½.

Out of 1,208 issues traded, 448 declined, 460 advanced and 300 were unchanged.

The NY Stock Exchange bond volume was \$2,770,000, and the American Stock Exchange volume was 550,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

20 Industrials	320.39
20 rails	109.04
15 utilities	69.96
60 stocks	109.29
40 bonds	100.90

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 13.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to 2 points higher.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 105 contracts.

In the world raw market, Chile was reported to have bought an additional 5,000 tons of Cuban raws at 3.31 cents a pound f.o.b. following reported purchases yesterday of 10,000 tons.

In the New York market there were moderate offerings of duty free sugar for late May-early June arrival at 6.10 cents a pound, delivered.

Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)

July	3.33
Sept.	3.20
Nov.	3.05
Dec.	2.95
Jan.	2.85
Feb.	2.75
Mar.	2.65
Apr.	2.55
May	2.45
June	2.35
July	2.25
Aug.	2.15
Sept.	2.05
Oct.	1.95
Nov.	1.85
Dec.	1.75
Jan.	1.65
Feb.	1.55
Mar.	1.45
Apr.	1.35
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK THE MAINSTAY

THEY were a family of three—mother, father, and a son named Leonard. There was nothing spectacular or special about them. They lived their lives quietly, had much the same interests and hopes and fears as thousands of others in the part of South London where their home was.

Leonard with such a home behind him, behaved as might be expected in an exemplary fashion. In the 12 years since he left school he has worked for only one firm, making slow but steady progress, that was only interrupted by his military service.

The Army thought well of Leonard, confirming the good impression he had made on his employers, who were glad to take him back when he put off his battleship.

BUCKLING TO

THEN, a little while ago, the home that Leonard had always, with some reason, regarded as unimpeachable broke up, almost overnight. Leonard's father walked out on his family. Since he wanted to leave a forwarding address, Leonard, now 28, in the week many men start to think seriously about setting up a home of their own, found himself the mainstay, instead, of the family.

His pay, as an electrician's mate, was £7 7s. a week, and out of that he had always paid his share towards the expenses of running the home. Now, he had to pay all the expenses.

He buckled to and did his best, but he did not find it easy.

THE TYPEWRITER

ONE Saturday, after work, when the office staff had gone home, Leonard slipped into the office, and slipped out again carrying one of the company's typewriters.

He meant to sell the machine, which was valued at £15, and for a day or two, he looked round his friends, telling them all kinds of stories as to how he happened to have become a

South Koreans Say Conference Will Break Down

Geneva, May 13.

South Korean sources predicted tonight that the conference here on a Korean settlement would "break down next week" on the issue of United Nations supervision of elections.

This came at the end of a day in which differences appeared to have developed on the United Nations side on the issue of forcing a showdown which might mean an early end to the 19-nation talks.

First sources close to the United States delegation asserted that the non-Communist delegations generally were now moving towards the belief that the refusal of the Communist powers to accept the authority of the United Nations made further discussion impossible.

But this belief was not shared by other delegations on the United Nations side. These delegations made plain that the majority of their number were still seeking a Korean settlement or the presenting by the non-Communist powers of fresh proposals "that would appear reasonable to world opinion."

Then late tonight came a fresh stand by the South Koreans. Sources close to the delegation declared it would refuse to discuss any other aspects of a Korean settlement till the United Nations authority had been accepted by the Communist powers.

The sources said South Korea and all 15 of its United Nations Allies here were agreed that there was virtually no hope of getting the Communists to give ground on this and that the Korean talks were doomed to failure.

QUESTION OF STRATEGY

The only remaining question, they said, was to decide on strategy for breaking off the talks.

The South Korean sources said it had been decided that the issue of United Nations authority had to be raised again in such a way that the Communists would have to reply with a final "yes" or "no."

South Korea would not act unilaterally in breaking up the talks, the sources said. Any such move would be the result of a common decision by the 16 nations.

For this reason, the sources added, final moves in the Council Chamber to abandon the talks would be made by nations other than South Korea.

"We have often been accused of failing to co-operate with our friends," one South Korean delegate said. "Our actions here will prove that we are working as a team."

The 16-nation Korean Allied group met here before today's plenary session to consider further conference "strategy."

The group reviewed the continued refusal of President Syngman Rhee of South Korea to agree to making bargaining concessions on the election issue.

It is understood that British Commonwealth and Western European delegates stressed the importance of the United Nations putting forward a plan for Korea which would have the backing of world opinion.

Such a plan, they argued, would answer the proposal of General Nam Il, North Korean Foreign Minister, for a such commission set up by both Korean Governments to plan national elections.

But some other delegates hinted later that they believed the United States might soon propose that the whole problem of Korea be referred back to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Radio Hongkong

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